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Attempt To Blow Up Zionist HQ

London, Nov. 21.—An attempt to bomb Zionist headquarters in London was disclosed today when Ivor Worth of Bristol was given an examination in the Magistrate's Court preliminary to trial in Old Bailey.

The public prosecutor said Worth told a police inspector he felt he was justified in constructing his home-made bomb because there was an undeclared war with Jewry under way, as evidenced by events in Palestine.

The bombs, placed on the doorstep of the Jewish Agency, did not explode.—United Press.

STOP-GAP AID A CERTAINTY

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Senate Republicans decided today that the \$507,000,000 stopgap aid legislation requested by President Truman, will be ready by Wednesday night and will then be rapidly passed through the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Eugene D. Milliken of Oregon, chairman of the committee, said: "No important interference for paramount consideration of the stopgap aid is foreseen."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Turmoil In France

THE turmoil through which France is passing today is one of the most lamentable features of post-war Europe. It is a prerequisite for European recovery that France be a stable country, economically and politically, and failure to be so must inevitably retard all attempts to stabilise the whole of the continent. The picture in France at this moment is foreboding. The country is so politically divided that it seems well nigh impossible to find an alliance of parties that can govern effectively. The half-ones of political thought which has long been a characteristic of the French nation is more emphasised now than ever before. While extreme Right and Left wing parties are strongly represented in the National Assembly, the main body is composed of "shades," whom M. Leon Blum, as the newly designated Premier, must try to bring together to enact a programme that will reconstitute the nation's economy. It is a tremendous undertaking—one which M. Blum, despite untiring efforts, failed to accomplish. Dominating the domestic scene in France today is appalling inflation which has completely upset the economic equilibrium. Workers, particularly in the industries, are seething with discontent because they find their wage envelopes do not keep pace with the sky-

rocketing cost of living. Strikes and threatened strikes have become the order of the day—a situation which the Communists have been quick to exploit for the purpose of embarrassing their political opponents. The Communists, though the most substantial single party in the Assembly, appear to have no intention of trying to bring the country out of its present fearful plight; they remain obstructionists and agitators wholly negative. There will be no lack of sympathy for M. Blum in his task of trying to form a Government that can genuinely rule the country. He has a most unpalatable responsibility, for only by a drastic domestic programme involving sacrifices on the part of the people can France's economic and financial position be regained. The people of England have been confronted with a similar distressing problem. Production for the purpose of a balanced trade and the restoration of credits abroad is the key to the situation. France is marked as a useful partner under the proposed US interim aid to Europe, but, as Mr Marshall and his colleagues have reiterated time and again, these countries must show themselves capable of a degree of self-help. Unless this be forthcoming France will forfeit her right to assistance and she will then face the prospect of economic chaos that may well bring about a catastrophic revolution.

Blum Fails To Obtain Confidence Vote ASSEMBLY REJECTS PLEA FOR 'MIDDLE-WAY' GOVT.

Paris, Nov. 21.—Leon Blum was defeated tonight in his effort to form a government of "public safety" for France when the National Assembly failed to approve his nomination as Premier.

The white haired Socialist leader fell short of the necessary majority by nine votes. The vote was 300 for and 277 against with 41 abstentions or absences.—Associated Press.

United Press says that M. Leon Blum, veteran leader of France's Socialists, today charged that the international Communists "have openly declared war on French democracy."

Appearing before the National Assembly to demand a confidence vote enabling him to form a new middle-of-the-road government, the 75-year-old Socialist leader called for the union of all French Republicans, "of all those who refuse to submit to the imperial dictatorship, not of the proletariat but of a political party, all those who refuse to seek recourse against this peril through the personal power of one man."

The frail, white-haired Blum, pale and stooping but looking well and confident, was given a standing ovation by his own Socialist Party as he went forward to speak shortly after 3 p.m.

M. Blum appealed to all Republicans throughout France to unite and organise for the defence of their national liberties and called on France to rally around itself what he described as an "international third force" to halt the worldwide split between the Western powers and the Soviet Union.

REPUBLIC IN DANGER

"The situation is grave," said M. Blum. "The Republic is in danger—a Republic which for us is identified with the Motherland. Our civil liberties, the public peace, in fact, peace itself, are menaced."

Demanding strong action to halt the strike wave which already has 750,000 Frenchmen idle, M. Blum laid down a four-point plan for the restoration of order:

1. Re-establishment of the Republic's authority.
2. Enforcement of discipline throughout the civil service.
3. A guarantee of regular and effective functioning of constitutional organs.
4. A guarantee—the nation's economic life will continue.

M. Blum said the strike must be met firmly and fearlessly.

"We must face it firmly, that is to say, without making any promises we cannot keep and with readiness to make any concessions, but also with coolness and confidence." He appealed to France's workers to co-operate with him in re-establishing democratic methods in labour unions. He admitted the necessity of raising wages to the maximum level within the possible.

lities of France's economy, but called at the same time for a relentless struggle against inflation and skyrocketing living costs.

M. Blum said it was essential to stabilise simultaneously wages, prices and the franc until Marshall Plan aid, "offered to Europe by the Government of the United States in a noble spirit of international solidarity, allows our economy to attain a durable consistency."

M. Blum said he had undertaken the task of trying to form a government at the request of President Vincent Auriol only "out of limitless devotion and invincible faith in democracy and socialism."

"The thing that is called a 'third force' is merely a union of Republicans for liberty, social justice and peace," he said. He appealed to all Republican groups throughout the Assembly and in the country to support him and give him a working majority.

The third force must and its political expression in the majority for which I appeal and in a government formed with the broadest spirit of agreement reflecting that majority."

VITAL SOLIDARITY

Calling for a parallel "third force" in the international sphere, M. Blum continued, "There exist in Europe and on all the Continents states, groups and individuals who understand that in the present state of economic development no great problem can any longer be solved satisfactorily within the framework of national frontiers, that no people can prosper any longer nor even exist without this vital solidarity with others and that it is necessary to group, federate and unite or perish."

"They do not agree in advance to join the camps which seem to divide the world because they see the necessity for this universal solidarity, because they measure the danger to peace from prolonging division and opposition and because they understand also what the word 'war' means today."

France's role and mission is to help constitute an 'international third force' which would be used for smoothing out misunderstandings and allaying suspicions through tireless effort for conciliation and reciprocal persuasion."

Contrary to expectation, M. Blum gave no details of his proposed Government programme, but said he would do so if required.

He concluded his half-hour speech with another with another appeal for working majority.

"The present hour demands a majority strongly aware of its obligations and pledged to maintain courageously alongside the government a struggle whose difficulties and perils they do not conceal."—United Press.

U. S. Has Eyes On Tsingtao

Washington, Nov. 21.—The acquisition of the Chinese port of Tsingtao as a permanent base for the United States Navy was urged today in a report by a joint Congressional and military party which inspected the Pacific area this summer.

The report forecast a shift of the United States Fleet activities from the Philippines to China, where Tsingtao is now used as a provisional base.

Compiled by Representative Sterling Cole, Republican, New York, and chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, the report expressed the opinion that China could fall to Communism and called American concentration on longrange aid for Europe exclusively a "tragic error."

Referring to the present Chinese regime, the report added: "It is highly preferable that we have a free though normal Government in China than a hostile Government, no matter how pure and moral."—Reuter.

EGYPT LAYS CLAIM TO ERITREA

London, Nov. 21.—The Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, today pulled a surprise at the Foreign Ministers' deputies meeting on the Italian colonies by demanding for Egypt the whole of Eritrea and by claiming Italian Somaliland as an Arab country. He also demanded that Libya should be immediately declared an independent state.

The claims were included in a memorandum which Amr Pasha submitted this morning. The Egyptian Embassy wished the wording of the document to be kept secret and issued only a short summary to the press.

It had been known since 1945 that Egypt would claim the Western part of Eritrea, including the port of Massawa, but the demand for the whole of Eritrea was new.

Amr Pasha, who appeared before the deputies with six advisers and secretaries, put forward "geographical, ethnographical and economic arguments to prove Eritrea is a natural extension of Eastern Sudan to the sea." The Embassy statement said, Egypt based its claims on Eritrea on the desire of the Eritrean people, Amr Pasha told the deputies.

The American deputy, Mr W. J. Golman, asked about the size of the Arab community in Eritrea and Amr Pasha answered that it predominated in the North and in the coastal areas. To a question by the British deputy, Sir Noel Charles, Amr Pasha replied that Egypt was ready to provide Ethiopia facilities in Massawa harbour.—United Press.

BRADLEY AS NEW COS

Washington, Nov. 21.—President Truman today nominated General Omar Bradley to succeed General Dwight Eisenhower, as the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. General Bradley, who commanded the United States First Army and the Twelfth Army Group during the campaign in Western Europe, will go to the Army Department on December 1.

The President did not set any date when General Bradley would assume General Eisenhower's duties. President Truman said it had not been finally fixed when General Eisenhower—who is also being frequently discussed as a possible Republican Presidential candidate next year—would become the President of Columbia University in New York.—Reuter.

Move To Abolish Death Penalty

London, Nov. 21.—A Parliamentary move to abolish the death penalty in Britain at least for an experimental period of five years was launched in the House of Commons today.

Seven Labour MPs and one Conservative signed a motion calling for an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Parliamentary sources reported strong Labour support for the motion and said since it involves a matter of conscience the government will probably permit a free vote—one in which members would not be subject to Party discipline.—Associated Press.

Generalissimo Honoured



On behalf of the French President, the French Ambassador to China, M. Meyrier, last week presented to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek the Medaille Militaire for his services to the Allies during the war. Picture shows the presentation being made.—CGIO Photo.

Self-Govt. For Ceylon Proposal Welcomed

London, Nov. 21.—All political parties in the House of Commons today welcomed the British Government's measure to raise the Island of Ceylon to full self-governing status as an independent country within the British Commonwealth.

Mr Arthur Creech Jones, the Secretary for the Colonies, speaking on the second reading of the Ceylon Independence Bill, which was carried unanimously, said that parts of it followed the almost verbatim sections of the Statute of Westminster. They were chosen to prevent an extension to Ceylon of the future acts of the United Kingdom Parliament, and remove the existing limitations on Ceylon's legislative power.

Ceylon, he said, had political and economic difficulties not easy of solution, but she had faith in herself and in her destiny. Loyal to the Commonwealth and to Britain, she was determined to take her stand for the ideals and purposes which animated free nations.

Brithin, Mr Creech Jones declared, was confident that Ceylon would prove herself a great democracy in the vicissitudes through which the world was passing.

OPPOSITION SUPPORT

Expressing the opposition's support for the Bill, Captain Leonard Gammans, Conservative, said today was an occasion all too rare when all the parties combined in what he called "one of those great revolutionary processes of the British Commonwealth."

Ceylon from now on would only be bound to Britain by loyalty, affection and enlightened self-interest. There were no strings attached whatever, to this grant of independence. Ceylon had the right to amend its own constitution—a right not even possessed by Canada.

They could revoke the defence and foreign relations agreement at any time. Ceylon was being granted complete independence to remain in the Empire or go outside if she desired.

Speaking on what he called the possible danger of Communism in Ceylon, Captain Gammans said that if the Tamils or any other minority took "the viper of Communism" to their bosom, it would utterly destroy them, and any hopes they had of lasting independence.

QUESTION OF DEFENCE

Captain Gammans thought there was a very strong case for having the defence agreed upon.

If the agreement was revoked by an extremist Government in either country the whole structure of the Commonwealth would disappear overnight.

Replying to doubts raised about defence, Mr David Bees Williams, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said: "Surely when we are both members of a family it is the spirit more than anything else that counts."

Ceylon was just as anxious to protect the Commonwealth interests as Britain.

If war broke out he was perfectly certain that Ceylon would be the first to come into any plan for the protection of the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

Early Peace Treaty With Japan Urged

Washington, Nov. 21.—The House Armed Service sub-committee today urged early negotiation of a peace treaty with Japan which would permit the United States to retain three naval bases in Japan. The recommendation was made by the sub-committee which made a two-month tour of U.S. military establishments in the Pacific area during the Congress' summer recess.

The group also visited Greece and other European countries. The sub-committee reported that the conditions in Japan are ripe for the conclusion of a peace settlement. If any powers involved refuse to participate, the committee said, an independent settlement "could well be made between Japan and the United States contingent upon the United Nations taking over where the United States leave off."

The sub-committee urged that more aid be given to the Chinese National Government because "it is highly preferable that the United States have a free though unmoral government in China than to have a hostile government no matter how pure and moral but dominated by Communist influences."

The group also proposed that the United States make arrangements with Greece "for the enlargement of the authority of our military mission to include the training of Greek combat forces and their operational guidance."

NO MORE AUTOCRACY

The sub-committee said that substantially all vestiges of monarchy and autocracy have been eradicated from the Japanese life and the wheels of industry there have begun to turn despite an acute shortage of raw materials.

The sub-committee said it had been given assurances that the U.S. military forces could be withdrawn immediately upon the conclusion of the peace treaty. The group believed that it would be desirable, however, to retain naval bases at Yokosuka, Sasebo and Kure.

Among general observations the sub-committee reported:

Under-Sea Dive Postponed

Brussels, Nov. 21.—Professor Piccard, leading Belgian scientist, had postponed his two-and-a-half mile ocean dive to the seabed of the Gulf of Guinea, off the coast of West Africa, which he was to have undertaken in the first three months of next year, it was learned today.

A complete re-equipping of the Scaldia, the parent vessel to the steel bathysphere—the diving globe—is not possible before March or April, and the expedition will be unable to reach the Gulf before the spring typhoon season.

It is not expected, therefore, that the expedition will leave before June, 1948.—Reuter.

Only Two Survive Plane Crash

San Diego, California, Nov. 21.—A US Navy Lockheed Neptune patrol bomber with 11 men aboard crashed into the sea, about 100 miles off San Diego, early today and Naval officials reported that only two survivors had been picked up by the United States submarine Pomodon, which was cruising in the area.—Reuter.

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Secrecy Surrounds Making Of "Hamlet"

By GERRY HILL

ON both sides of the Atlantic, leading directors and producers are busily completing shooting of William Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, "Hamlet" and "Macbeth."

Critics are unanimous in their opinion that "Hamlet" will be an even bigger success than "Henry V." Sir Laurence Olivier, who was knighted primarily for his film masterpiece, hopes the production of his second Shakespeare play will solidify Britain's position as the recognised producer of the Bard's works.

In Hollywood, Orson Welles aims at taking the limelight off - Olivier

with his production of "Macbeth," with its special Wellesian treatment. In the future Olivier plans to bring to movie audiences "Macbeth" and "Othello," using his newly evolved film technique.

Olivier sums up his treatment of "Hamlet" as "looking through the wrong end of a telescope," but for the unique drama, "Hamlet," he has conceived an "imaginative and abstract" treatment that is totally different, although much of it is as experimental as in "Henry V."

"Hamlet" presented untold difficulties to the producer, and director, even to one as experienced and ambitious as Olivier. The character is complex and hard to play. Olivier is actor, producer and director, half the time behind the camera directing, then darting in front to repeat the famous speeches of the Prince, dressed in rich doublets and hose. With his incongruously dyed hair, Olivier plays the part of the blond Dane as he believes William Shakespeare would have approved. Eighteen-year-old Jean Simmons, the young British star who rose to fame in "Great Expectations," plays the role of Ophelia, the demure and innocent young girl who, jilted by Hamlet, goes mad and wanders round the corridors of Elsinore singing bawdy songs and bestowing flowers on all.

Make Or Break

Watching Jean in the mad scene, Olivier remarked: "She was born with something which took me 15 years to learn." Ophelia is a part which will make or break an actress; Olivier has brought out hidden qualities which undoubtedly will make a world success out of the girl who has never played in Shakespeare before.

A veil of secrecy surrounds the film of "Hamlet." Commenting on this, Olivier says: "Journalists don't like people looking over their shoulders when they are writing, and I feel the same way about my acting."

Time is one of the big problems; the play runs for over four hours in the theatre, but not even the most enthusiastic of audiences could be asked to sit that long, so Olivier cut the text with the elimination of a few minor characters.

For the first time in the history of British film-making, the deep focus camera is used so that the smallest detail of the settings shall not be lost. Every incident calls for artistic perfection.

A radical change in filmcraft is the non-appearance of film "extraneous." Every part is played by experienced Shakespearean actors, some claiming to have played in "Hamlet" before Olivier was born.

Magnificent Settings

The settings are magnificently executed to give an overall effect of sombre beauty. Ronald Furse, veteran designer of "Henry V," copied 13th century European murals and frescoes. Painted in sepia tones they adorn the walls of Elsinore Castle and provide a most unusual background.

Continuity is the main feature of the film, which runs for two and a half hours. Laurence Olivier speaks the finest dialogue ever written. Nothing is over-emphasised in this part, the most mature of all his performances.

Looking at the gorgeously coloured costumes and settings in the studio, it seems a loss to the film world that "Hamlet" is not being made in technicolor, but Olivier says: "I see it rather as an engraving than as a painting."—United Press.

THEATRE Directory

TODAY'S FILMS

QUEEN'S—Smoky (Fred MacMurray, Anne Baxter).
KING'S—Black Narcissus (Dorothy Kerr, David Farrar).
LEE—Courtneys of Curzon Street (Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding).
CENTRAL—Michigan Kid (Jon Hall, Victor McLaglen).
ORIENTAL—The Yearling (Gregory Peck, Jane Bryan).
CATHAY—Week-end in Havana (Alice Faye, John Payne).
ALHAMBRA—Michigan Kid.
MAJESTIC—Wonder Man (Danny Kaye).
STAR—Mr. Skeffington (Bette Davis).

MOTION picture critics, in describing the work of a director or a cameraman on an especially praiseworthy assignment, have been known to remark: "He did everything with the camera but make it talk."

In M-G-M's much-discussed new motion picture, "Lady in the Lake," which comes to the King's Theatre tomorrow, Robert Montgomery, its star-director, and cameraman, and Paul Vogel have done wonders.

The unusual subjective technique employed in the telling of this mystery story, based on Raymond Chandler's novel, made the camera the central player. The action is seen through the eyes of detective Phillip Marlowe, played by Montgomery. This means, in effect, that the camera is Marlowe. And since the audience sees just what Marlowe sees, the camera becomes every person in the audience. Because Marlowe obviously cannot see himself, unless he steps in front of a mirror, he seldom appears before the camera. But his voice is there in every scene. His voice becomes the voice of the camera.

Does Many Things

In the process of living this thrilling adventure in crime, the camera (as Marlowe, of course) is required to do some remarkable things. It moves in and out of doorways. It sits down and stands up. It smokes a cigarette, puffing smoke rings from under the lens. It is given a savage third degree at police headquarters with bright lights glaring into the lens. It engages in a brutal fight with a would-be killer. It breaks down a door by throwing itself against the panel. It is slapped, kicked and punched in the eye by various assailants. It is thrown into a goal. It drives an automobile that is wrecked. And, finally, it makes love to a beautiful girl.

Camera Mobility

John Arnold, head of the M-G-M camera department, devised a special contraption with wheels on both ends and steering apparatus that made it look like a fireman's hook and ladder. The camera, mounted on this affair, gained increased mobility. It could be moved from room to room, just as Phillip Marlowe would walk. In several instances it was necessary, however, to hang an entire side of a wall on moving hinges so that it could slide up and out of the way when the huge camera moved forward. This was the case when a doorway was too small to permit the camera to move through it.

The camera department also arranged a special harness to support the Eye-Mo camera and which fitted about Montgomery's waist. This made it possible for him to photograph a great deal of the action, such as the hand-to-hand fighting, himself.

SPOTLIGHT on

**Miss
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by DAVID LEWIN

LONDON.

LITTLE 21-year-old Peggy Cummins flew home to London after two years in Hollywood—and only the voice was the same.

We had known her on the stage as a leggy schoolgirl with pigtails, a wide grin and a high voice.

I met her at her Park Lane hotel, and a slim young woman in a blue silk dress shook hands with me. She said: "I am moving tonight to a different hotel. It's too crowded here in one room. I prefer a suite."

I ASKED Miss Cummins about Peggy Cummins of 1945. "Hollywood has changed you," I said. The old high-pitched Cummins voice replied: "Sure, my pigtails have gone. I go 'tired' those parts. That's why I went to America. They wanted to present me there, so they dressed my hair so it would look good."

"They offered me good parts and a seven-year contract. I guess I thought I could get on better there than I could here—but I didn't wait to find out."

In 1945 Peggy Cummins was earning £75 a week on the West End stage. Hollywood offered her £250 a week. When she got there they put her in "Forever Amber," and took her out again after three months. "Unsustainable," they said. Now Miss Cummins is trying to forget that she was nearly Miss Amber. "It's life, I suppose," she said. "I might have been too young. Anyway, Linda Darnell is lovely as Amber, they tell me."

MISS Cummins is here until December, when she will finish making "Escape" with Rex Harrison. That will bring her in £875 a week. At the end of her seven-year contract, though, she will be getting much more than that. But "I've got no head for figures," said Miss Cummins, and the blonde curls shook. "I guess I don't know what they pay me because I don't really understand dollars yet. It's all so complicated."

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Yet when you come to think about it, what could be a greater adventure than belonging to the human race? The earth we live on is no more than a particle of dust in the universe. If the sun was much nearer we would shrivel up, and if it was much further away we'd be frozen to death in a layer of perpetual ice.

Every day we are bombarded by 20,000,000 meteors that burn themselves up in the atmosphere protecting us. Every second the ground under our feet cracks and shakes as the crust on which we scratch our living shapes itself round a shrinking core.

In these precarious surroundings the human race is preyed on by microbes and pestilence, harassed by tempests and tortured by doubts of the mind. Yet somehow, we survive.

Isn't that an adventure? If you told this story in some celestial pub where they didn't know about such things you'd be the hero of the evening.

Bomb Stones

It was an adventure to be bombed by the Germans. Not a pleasant one at the time, perhaps, but nor are many other adventures.

Every time I threw myself down in the gutter and listened to the whine of the falling bomb I thought to myself: "This may be my last minute on earth. Pity I shan't live to describe it."

But bomb stories are a bore. When I survived no one was interested in the details because they'd all been through the same kind of thing themselves.

All the same, each escape was just as bloodcurdling to me personally as the time I found myself swimming in the same piece of the Pacific as a shark, or the terrifying moment when a drunken Dane came at me with an axe in the Queensland bush, and I fought him off with a two-handed saw.

You appreciate that it's an adventure to be chased by a shark or attacked by a man with an axe, because people will listen to you when you talk about it. But just open your mouth about your narrow escapes in the Blitz and your best friends look at their watches and get up to go.

He couldn't tell

SIDNEY SMITH, who is now covering the news in India, has a good story on these lines. During the war he was an R.A.F. pilot and crash-landed a Blenheim in one of the main streets of a Dutch town.

It was probably the greatest adventure of his life, but for the next three years he hardly mentioned it because anyone in the Oflag who started by saying: "When I was shot down" was immediately sat upon as a bore. For they'd all been shot down. That's how they came to be there.

So they waited around, year after year, hundreds and hundreds of them, each nursing the story of a great adventure, and no one to tell it to.

When I was a youth working my way round the world I fell in with an Irish boy, and together we walked the sweltering streets of Sydney, Australia, looking for a job. But nobody had time for a couple of lommies that day. Nobody had had time for us the day before, either, or for many days before that.

We'd built ourselves a little hide-out inside a bamboo thicket in the Botanical Gardens, and when we crawled into it that night we were hot and depressed, and tired. The ants got into our clothes and the

mosquitoes into our hair, and we hardly dared move for fear the park keepers would find us and turn us out.

"Well, there's one thing about all this," said Pat. "We'll have a grand story to tell them when we get home."

The whole episode was turned from hardship to adventure by this one remark. We went about our job-hunting next day with gay hearts. The rebuffs we met so much improved the story.

Looking back, I can see that it was an adventure in itself to live secretly in a bamboo thicket in the middle of Sydney, but we were inexperienced and needed the prospect of an audience to make us realise it.

The real experts in adventure have long passed this stage. To them the events of life are exciting at the time they happen, regardless of whether anyone will want to hear about them later.

On the glacier

ONE of the greatest experts I know is an old woman who lives at Golders Green, N.W. 11. She's crippled by arthritis, but to her everything is an adventure.

When walking became painful she took up skating, which was smooth and painless. Then she said to herself: "If I can skate, why shouldn't I ski?" So at the age of getting-on-for-70 she went to Switzerland to ski.

One day she made a trip by train up to the Jungfrau, which is the highest station in Europe, and on the edge of a glacier. There was a blizzard when she got there, and the other tourists spent the afternoon round a stove grumbling because the snow hid the view.

Not so the old woman. She stumped round on her stick till she found a guide. She asked him to take her out on the glacier.

"But madam," said the man, "there's a blizzard outside."

"I know," she said. "That's why I want to go. I've never been on a glacier in a blizzard."

Marvelling that anyone could be so mad, but excusing her because she was English, he tied one end of a rope round her middle and another round his own. Together they sallied out.

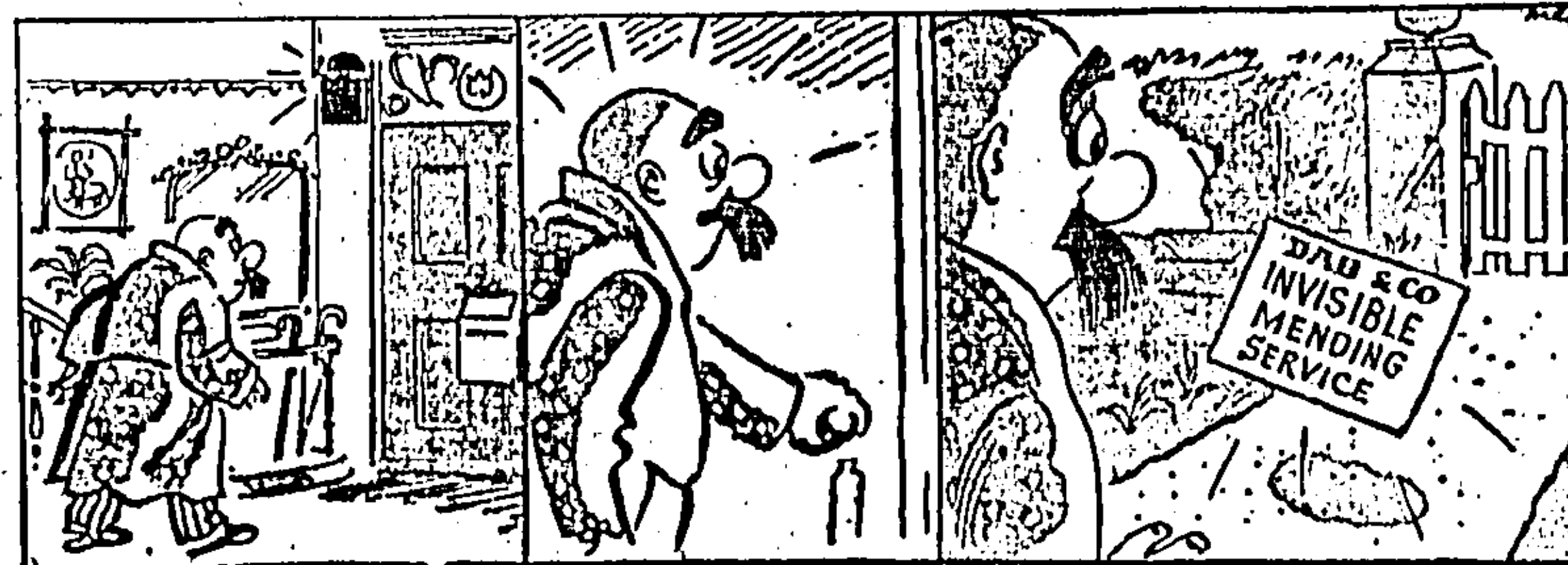
All the way back in the train the other tourists were too busy grumbling about the weather to notice the tired little woman.

But she didn't mind the absence of an audience. For ten minutes she'd been out in a blizzard, roped to an Alpine guide, and to her that seemed as great an adventure as going to the Pole does to Admiral Byrd.

I wouldn't have heard the story myself but the woman happens to be my mother.

DAB ... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

Today from Zurich.... where I find the Swiss 'Bottle Party Holiday' idea will be squashed

I FLEW to find out what was happening about British holidays in Switzerland.

I wanted to know (a) whether it was true (as had been said) that a new scheme was being worked out under which British tourists would once again be able to visit Switzerland; (b) whether it was a fact that the Swiss intended to stop importing British motor-cars and other goods if we did not let our tourists visit their hotels.

I FOUND that dynamic enthusiast Florian Niederer and his fellow experts from the Swiss Tourist Federation in Zurich had prepared a scheme all right.

But the experts of the Swiss Federal Government in Berne thought Mr Dalton unlikely to accept it. And when I got back to London a few words with the Treasury showed me they were right.

Florian Niederer's scheme is ingenious. It amounts to what I might call a Bottle Party System of holiday travel. Just as the bottle party gets around the licensing laws with an invitation to drink, so Niederer proposes to overcome currency difficulties and the ban on tourist travel with an invitation to visit.

He got the idea from a statement by the British Treasury that there would be no objection to Britons going abroad at the invitation of their foreign friends provided that no money left the country as a result.

When he heard of this Florian yodelled for joy. "We will found the Anglo-Swiss Travel Fellowship," he whooped at his admiring associates.

"The fellowship will arrange for Swiss to invite Britons to Switzerland and for Britons to invite Swiss to Britain. There is no need for the Briton to see his Swiss guest if he does not want to. He does not even have to be in the country at the time. All he must do is to pay the hotel bill of his Swiss guest and such other expenses as have been agreed. And the Swiss does exactly the same for his British guest in Switzerland. The Anglo-Swiss Travel Fellowship will undertake the arrangement of the details and see that all is above-board. No transfer of money will be involved. Mr Dalton should be delighted."

But, alas, Mr Dalton is not delighted. Nothing will budge him from the idea that foreign travel is "a luxury"; one we cannot afford. We cannot afford, it seems, even to travel to countries, like France, which owe us millions of pounds on our trade with them, and do not know how they are going to pay all of it if we don't let them have any tourists.

And we equally cannot afford to travel under Florian Niederer's Bottle Party Plan, even though this avoids our having to pay out any Swiss francs. I understand that when the Swiss put forward Niederer's scheme at the next

meeting of British and Swiss Treasury experts they will be told that British currency regulations forbid compensatory arrangements of this kind.

An exception may be made in favour of school children—for educational reasons—but that is all.

AS for the suggestion that Switzerland may cut down on imports from Britain, the Swiss and British experts I discussed this with did not think it likely. Switzerland, they said, would do its best to (Continued on Page 10)

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

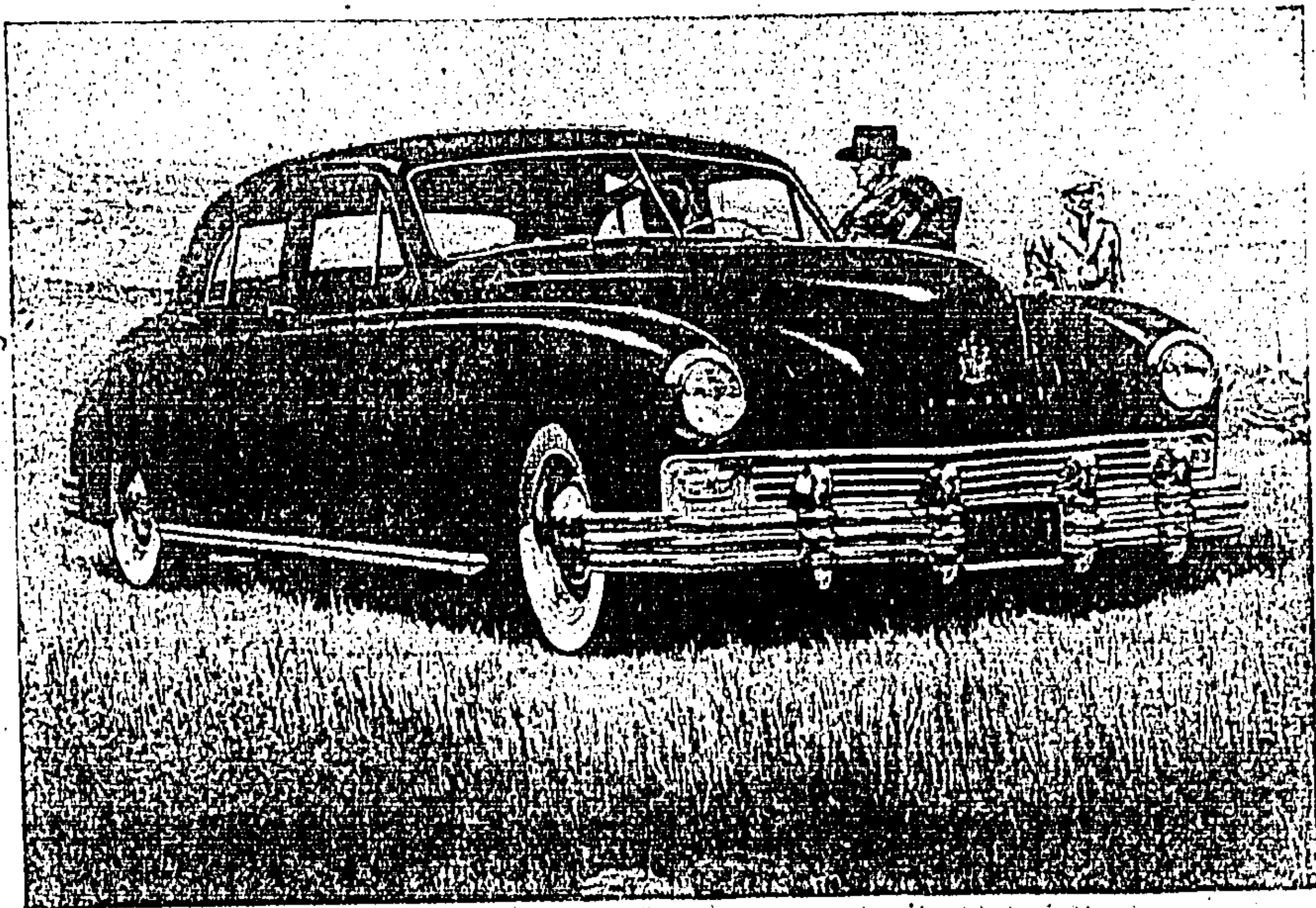


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1. A flouncy petticoat makes a skirt look fuller. Make one of silken canvas or tulle for dance skirt.



2. Tie a tulle or mesh at hip level on a fitting dress. Two or more loops make a double bustle at the back.

3. Knit a long sweater to lower the skirt on a band. e.g. Granny will give the skirt a rounded hip look.

4. Make a band of lace or darts - e.g. white lace on black velvet - over matching petticoat.

5. Let in a band of lace just below the hips.

6. If you can't lengthen your coat shorten it. Wear it just below hip length.

7. Deep cut necklines give the New Look a touch of black velvet, roses and a hint of red.

THE "New Look" - that startling, indescribable something which has revolutionised women's fashions all over the world during the past few months - will be unveiled to Hongkong for the first time in a style show at the Shangri-la Ball in the "Gripps" on Monday.

The gowns, some of which have been flown out from New York and Paris especially for the occasion and some of which are of special Hongkong design, have been guarded with a secrecy as complete as that which veiled the wedding dress of Princess Elizabeth.

Only the two managers of the show, Mrs. Claire Sykes and Mrs. Nan Cowie, have been allowed to inspect all of the 27 "new and startling creations."

Pictures of the dresses have been forbidden and the mannequins themselves - ten of Hongkong's loveliest ladies - have seen only those dresses which each is to wear. The three dress shops which have been chosen

Style show at "Gripps" Planned

to provide the dresses for the occasion - Josephine C. Paquette and The Linen Chest - have not been allowed the slightest glimpse of each other's designs.

Mrs. Sykes and Mrs. Cowie, reluctant to give any hints before the creations are unveiled, say only that the clothes are "exceptionally unusual and unusually exceptional." Both admitted, however, that the latest Paris and New York styles will be prominent. This means, they said, padded hips, hobble skirts, bustles, longer skirts for daytime frocks and shorter skirts for evening.

Startling effects have been produced with materials by unusual use of satins, velvets, brocades and tulle.

Especially remarkable are two cocktail gowns of Hongkong design, one of flame satin, using both the shiny and dull sides of the material, with long sleeves and the "new length," and the other "an indescribably beautiful green satin," with

a draped skirt and an off-the-shoulder neckline. All materials used are from London.

A black dinner dress flown out from Paris last week is one of the most exciting designs, they said. With a draped hobble skirt, mutton sleeves, and a low neck, it combines all the latest lines.

An unusual model of the new length evening dress is made of black tulle. The full ballerina skirt has a red lining, and red flowers are skillfully tucked into the sleeves.

Among other "New Look" clothes to be shown will be suits and negligees. Each dress has been specially designed or ordered to fit the personality of each model.

The latest costumes will also be designed according to the models' personalities. Before the "New Look" is unveiled, the show will present three national costumes of traditional design - a Filipino "Pina" dress to be modelled by Mrs. Esmail, a Chinese ceremonial court dress (worn recently in the production of "The Unfortunate Beauty") modelled by Mrs. Kan, and a Balinese sarong to be worn by Mrs. Kho.

The mannequins will enter from the right side of the orchestra, mount a flowered covered dais in the centre of the dance floor and return to the orchestra stand along the left side of the floor.

Ladies who will model the new designs are Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. Woosley, Mrs. Harp, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Esmail, Mrs. Deacon, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Doust.

Slim The Hips

By PRUNELLA STACK

A SLIM hip-line is the sine qua non for the modern ideal of grace. This is as it should be, for suppleness and mobility of the hip region is an important factor in the development of both health and beauty. For health, because rigidity in any part of the body leads to a diminution of its ability to perform its particular function effectively; for beauty, because the maintenance of suppleness helps to dispel fat, and to avoid the ageing appearance which thick hips entail.

There are, however, a few simple rules of diet which, if allied to exercise, can achieve the desired result. But the action must be twofold. Diet and exercise in the answer. Let us take each in turn. First, diet. Starchy foods are undoubtedly fattening. A simple way to reduce these is to avoid eating several starchy foods together. For instance, if you are having potatoes for your mid-day meal, don't eat bread at the same time. Avoid cakes and pastries, and try to substitute fruit for heavy puddings. Soup before a meal is fattening - but to make the meal of soup alone (a satisfying vegetable soup such as Scotch broth) is quite permissible.

No "Snacks"

Eating between meals is bad for both figure and digestion and should never be indulged. It is also better to drink half an hour before meals rather than with them. Five or six glasses of water should be taken every day. Make a habit of taking one last thing at night, and one first thing in the morning. Finally, as much raw fruit as possible and raw vegetables (as in salads) should be included in the daily diet.

So much for diet. Now let us consider exercise. This advice is given with regard to correct posture, and the right habits of standing, sitting and walking are important to develop and maintain slim hips. There are, in addition, many specific exercises for this region. I will list a few which are very effective if practised regularly every day.

Hip Slimmers

1. Sitting, roll from side to side, taking the weight of the body first on one hand then on the other. The hands are only there to balance you. Be careful not to slump on to them; maintain an upright position throughout. This is especially good for slimming the "seat."

2. Lying, arms out at shoulder level, knees bent up to touch the chest. Draw the tummy strongly in, then roll both knees over to the right side, keeping them as high up as possible, aiming to touch the knees with the knees (this will not happen at first but can be achieved with practice). Return to starting position, then roll over to the left. At first do this pausing in the starting position as described; later roll from side to side without stopping in the middle.

3. Sit down, then bend the back arm so that the elbow touches the floor. Now raise both legs off the floor, and "walk" in the air, swinging alternate legs forward, so that only your hip touches the floor and receives a considerable amount of friction against it. Find the position most comfortable to yourself to practice - by leaning further back or sitting more upright. Repeat on the other side.

quotes

—on what happens when there's no man about the house—by a woman who has just written a book on the subject *

THE woman left with children is more fortunate than the one without. Even if she is too busy with the problems of the moment to think of her immortality, she has it; she has an anchor in the community; she has something to strive for, some reason to "be good"; she has a warm and vital emotional outlet.

IF you can't be bothered to cook for yourself, try inviting a friend to share with you occasionally... and put out your best effort to make an interesting meal.

MOST women detest their work: they like the comradeship of office, shop or factory, with all its kindness, its spite, its jealousy and scandal—but they dislike the actual work.

All women, even if they marry young and prosperously, are all the better for a few years' training in honest, accurate work into which they have put all their can.

THERE are very few of the "kept woman" type about nowadays because there isn't any money to keep them except in very rare cases; paying for the war has made it impossible to pay for two homes.

TO keep on saying "if only" simply gets one into a condition of self-pity; one becomes in one's own eyes the neglected, frustrated genius.

OF all women left destitute by various circumstances, the widow is the most fortunate, because she has broken no law, either moral or social.

I REMEMBER H. G. Wells saying to me, "I'm sorry for you women artists. A man can shut his door and be sure of privacy. Nobody asks me what to do about the cold mutton or the child's measles."

USUALLY a sick man has the family revolving round him, attending to his comfort; the woman is either alone or worried to death about her family and household duties.

TWO women living together tend to aggravate difficulties... The dominating woman usually becomes even more dominating; the clinging woman more clinging; than either would be if they had married...

A VEGETARIAN old lady living in the country said: "It would be nice if hens just occasionally laid an egg that tasted of something else—or if they would just lay a banana sometimes."

THE single woman living alone naturally tends to become in temperate. I don't mean that she gets drunk with alcohol, but she may become a "passionate gardener," a "bridge fiend," a "cinema fan," and so on.

I HAVE seen subtle bullying by apparently "nice" women which might make Bill Sikes or any wife-beater green with envy.

I WANT to say to single women, "Do beware of animals!" What a tyranny some women can allow to their animals! A woman's friends invite her to stay; she can't leave the cat, who is expecting kittens; etc.

Top-notch top knots



London women prefer to tie their hair in square scarves. But Parisiennes have found new ways of tying a long scarf or a length of stiff ribbon round new hair styles. And with great effect! Here the ribbon is loosely knotted round a topknot hair style, and the ends tucked or pinned inside to form a neat little pillow.

THE EXPERT IN THE KITCHEN LATE JOYS

PICKLES and chutneys are the most interesting way of using the late fruits and vegetables of the season. In the winter they will eke out the meat ration and give flavour to any savoury dish.

Chutneys are simple to make and take less time than jam-making or fruit-bottling. You can use fruits that are bruised or imperfect by cutting away the defective parts.

Spiced vinegar is used for all pickled vegetables. This should be prepared in advance and used cold. People who like really hot pickle should increase the quantity of peppercorns and cayenne in the following recipe:

Spiced vinegar

2 qts. good malt vinegar, 2oz. peppercorns, 2oz. bruined ginger, 2oz. mustard, 1 blade mace, 2 cloves garlic, a few chillies, 1 tablesp. salt.

TO prepare the spiced vinegar, tie the spices loosely in a ball in a covered saucepan. Iron, brass or copper pans should not be used.

the metal will affect the colour and flavour of the pickle. Infuse for two hours or more without further heating. Strain and use as required.

Mixed vegetable pickle

A selection of cauliflower, marrow, cucumber and onions.

WIPE the vegetables and slice into sprigs, cubes or slices. Cover with brine made by boiling 1lb. salt in one quart water. Leave the vegetables in the brine for 48 hours, then wash in running cold water and pack into clean, dry bottles or pickle jars. The vegetables can be arranged attractively in layers with a few chillies in between for decoration. Cover completely with spiced vinegar and seal with a cork, parchment or wax cover. Label and keep in a cool place until required.

Georgie Rodgers

Principal, Good Housekeeping School of Cookery.

Young Star Plans Future

HOLLYWOOD.—It's all settled today that Margaret O'Brien is going to be a ballet star when she grows up.

Tomorrow, however, she may settle on a sailor's life.

Margaret determined her own future while she was making "The Unfinished Dance" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. After several weeks of practice, she and Syd Charles, a former ballerina, filmed a ballet number.

"Gee, that's fun," Margaret said. "Do you suppose I could ever get a job as a ballet dancer?"

Miss Charles said it was possible, if she put in years of training.

"Oh, that's wonderful," Margaret said. "You see, I'm still young, so I have lots of time."

With that, Margaret forgot all about being a dog trainer. She decided on that career when she was given a con of the collie screen star, Lassie.

Nothing Like Dog Training

She immediately made plans to teach the pup even more than Lassie knew and decided no lifetime occupation could be as exciting as training dogs.

Margaret's mother says that every new picture and every new experience brings a new career goal.

"About the only thing she hasn't considered," she said, "is acting."

After riding up and down in the Waldorf Towers elevator a dozen times on a visit to New York, she decided to be an elevator operator.

When she saw a horse-racing picture, it was a jockey's life for her; and when they moved to a beach-front hotel, she had plans for a professional swimming career.

Margaret took a vacation cruise to Honolulu before starting her role in "The Big City," and she's mulling over a new life work now.

It would be mighty interesting, she thinks, to skipper her own steamer to Honolulu, and back—United Press.

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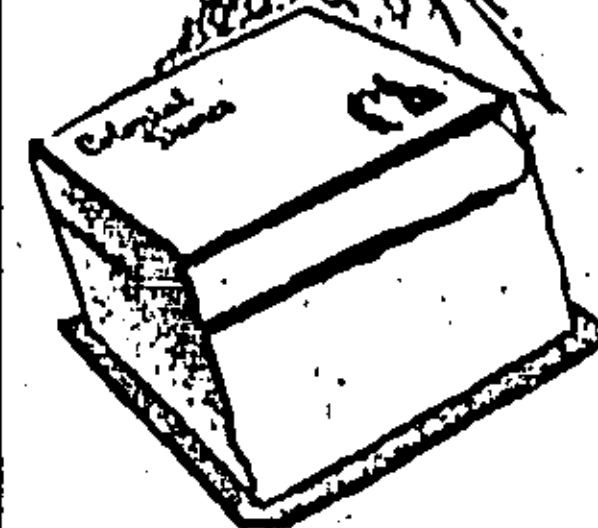
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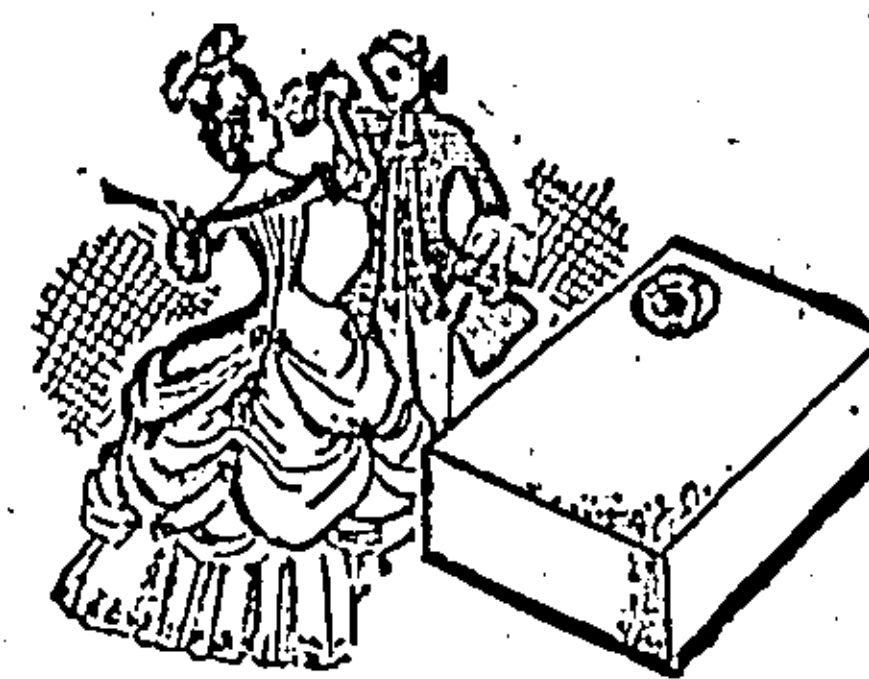
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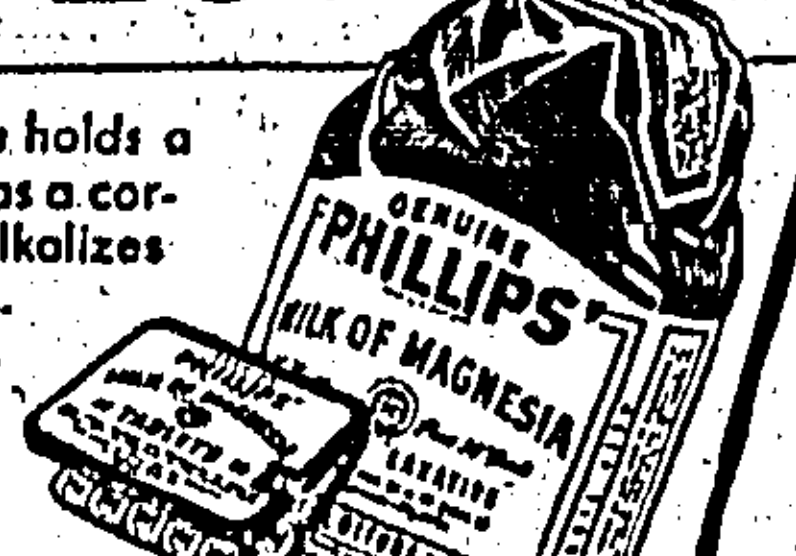
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'Spud Patrol' highlights the Rural Racketeers

By JAMES BARTLETT

LONDON. FIREWOOD: "He offered me a price for the trees as they stood—a price that made my hair stand on end. But those trees were here in my grandfather's time," I said. "They will be here in my grandson's time. You should have seen him laugh. Then he turned round and offered me £50 for my wood pile not worth £20, I took that."

NUMBER PLATE: "They stopped by the farm gate in a brand new truck and asked me if I wanted three cases of Scotch at 70s. a bottle. I laughed. Then as they went off I saw that their number plate was hinged." [False numbers, laid down over the original plates, make purchase difficult.]

£50 BULLOCK: "There certainly is a racket. Overnight I have lost a bullock worth £50. It is nowhere in the district. Obviously it must have been taken into a lorry."

TRACTOR: "I had always left the tractor in the field, but never again. A few weeks back I found it standing there without any wheels. They had been stolen for the value of the tyres."

NUTS: "I have heard that my walnuts were stolen by a couple of young fellows with sacks. They drove up in a Buick. We always used to keep our own walnuts for Christmas. This year all kinds of people are looking in to buy them at 5s. a pound."

£40 PIGS: "Of course, some farmers are selling bleeding pigs—although it is illegal—because they are being offered such fantastic prices. But even poor pigs with no breeding future at all are selling for £40. You know very well they will fetch even more fancy prices at hotels—but that's the spivs' worry."

LOST SHEEP: "Up here in Leicestershire, we are getting gangs sneaking in overnight and taking away cattle in lorries. Farmers have been telling me in Market Harborough market that nine sheep have been taken from one farm, 12 sheep from another—and it isn't a question of their straying. We are the victims of black market men stocking up for Christmas."

CRIME among the country barons cannot compare in scope with crime among the city warehouses. Even so, it is growing far beyond the control of the country police, who cannot hope to keep strict watch over wide rural areas.

Food shortage is at the bottom of this national social phenomenon of 1947. A few more years of queues at the green-grocers', the butchers', and the bacon counter must strengthen crime out of town.

The village policeman on the bicycle will be a tragicomic figure then. The need will be for a rural Flying Squad.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

VENTREGUIENNE! Palsan-guennel Morguennel! What has become of the 74,000,000 dollars? Riddle me that, me fine economist! Man-hours, work-hours, staggered ragamodol, and tumble-cum-trivy can all be traced in the files, but where are the 74,000,000 dollars?

Aha! Where did they go? Koyan? checos? What? petrot? packed turkey? Oh, crum me with eels and stuff me with cardboard sausage! Lay off buying to the extent of £684,981,231,084, says one. "Pool the £68,714,208,148,368," cries another. Oh, rivot me with little wooden pegs and carry me out in a basket! **WAKE! ARE THE 74,000,000 DOLLARS?**

Little Bo-Pest

DAD-DY, is it true that a Trade Unionist said that the mines need more workers and not long or hours?

Yes, why don't they use more trained-for-eln min-ers?

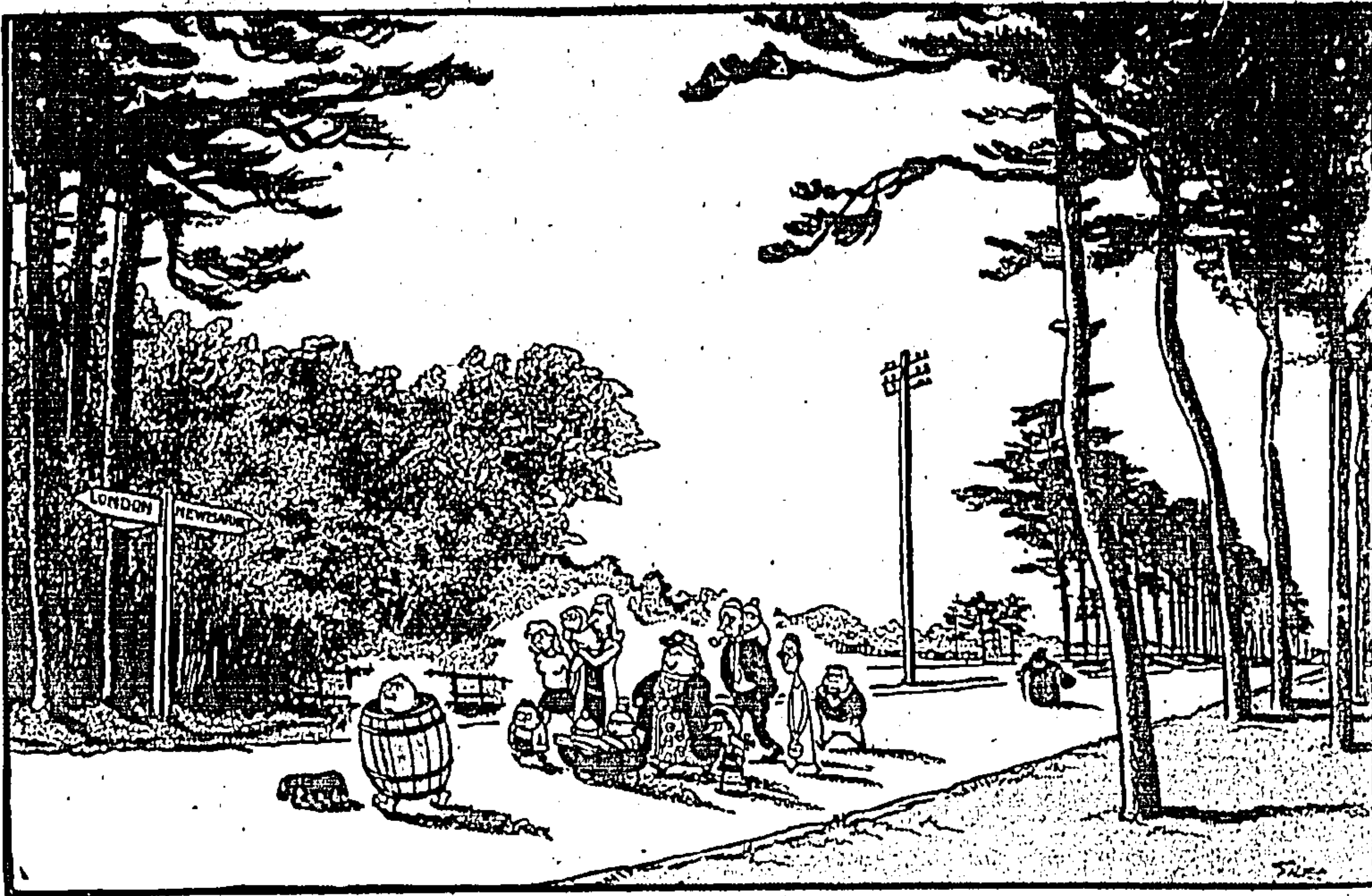
Sh! dear, you don't understand.

Stap me, dad-dy! Of course I don't. Nor does an-y-b-dy else.

Maison Richelieu

AND who should come dashing in to buy one of the new hats

POSTSCRIPT TO THE GREAT RACE By GILES



Ho! Mother was going to have a new hat, everybody was going to have new boots—
If father's car had won the Cambridgeshire.

KASHMIR, where new thousands have joined the army of India's wanderers --- the great human problem of a sub-continent in upheaval



by JAMES CAMERON

There were 21 places and 20,000 fighting to get aboard . . .

AMBALA. British Channel Island Lines—bringing the wild fancy: Would a party of pale-faced holiday-makers climb out blinking, and ask for St. Heller?

Each arrival started a new tumult among the refugees. A new impulse of optimism sent them pattering along beside the plane even before the brakes were put on.

For hours the problem went on of sorting out from the mass the few who could travel. There was a priority list of some kind: it was quickly lost or forgotten or abandoned.

Pull and Graft

ALL the factors of pull and graft and bakesheesh had gone to its manufacture. A day or two ago the price of pity on the mercy plane had stood at around 1,000 rupees for a single seat plus the fare of 100 rupees.

When the refugees sensed the inevitable moment of indecision the silence broke. There rose a clamour and a cry, and the bearded Sikh and the mild Hindu pressed forward in a fearsome competition of entreaty, protest, grovelling, truculence, cringing, praying, weeping, threatening, a dreadful lowest common denominator of abasement and despair.

And then the panic-stricken dilemma of selecting 30lb. only from each man's assortment of tin trunks, boxes, holdalls, sewing machines. It is hard indeed to leave home for ever with 30lb. only; at a moment's notice to abandon all you own under the sky on an airfield you will never see again.

Ferry planes

PLANES chartered by the Indian Government from all the domestic airlines and now several from B.O.A.C., are ferrying back and forth across the Pakistan frontier—Delhi to Lahore, to Multan, to Lyallpur, to Mainwali, far up to pockets in the North-West Frontier, over the rich, neglected, forlorn, strife-racked Punjab plains.

Each one picks up its handful from the great scared multitude of Hindus and Sikhs, cut off by the tide of arbitrary State making. These people believe themselves, with reason, to be in mortal danger because they are what they are—Hindus and Sikhs.

As we waited among the crowd the planes began to arrive—Deccan Airways, Bharat Line, Air Services of India, then a smart silver Douglas with a new name on its side—

There was a moment of heart-beating danger when the tail held down, bounding and struggling. Then we managed to pull up, tyres smoking, half off the strip.

More luggage had to be jettisoned: out went more bedding-rolls and trunks, despite the bitter cries of their owners. One man flung himself at a suitcase, dug madly inside it was dragged back grasping one shoe.

We tried again. Mercifully the runway was 2,500 yards, and we needed every last foot of it. The airfield sank and diminished, littered with broken luggage and scattered belongings.

So it goes on, some days better than that, some worse. The air evacuation scrapes only the thinnest top skin of the great exodus, those with much money and those with little money, who are, nevertheless, ready to spend what they have and lose all they own to avoid being hostages to fortune if the killings start again.

Millions Move

MEANWHILE the rest, the poor and the landless, the old and the young, are still crawling in their vast convoys across the Punjab, plodding along at the speed of the bullock cart.

One caravan, 45,000 strong, is going to Amritsar. Forty-five thousand more passed Rukhanwala into India, with 40,000 more just behind.

As they grind on their numbers diminish. Exhaustion and disease are doing now what the dacoits and marauders no longer do.

Two and a half million Hindus and Sikhs have already moved out of West Pakistan into East Punjab. Three million Moslems have migrated the reverse way. More than a million and a half Hindus and Sikhs are still to be brought over, and two and a half million Moslems are waiting over North India, to be transported to their promised land.

What a fantasy of arithmetic! The Governments of both India and Pakistan agree on one thing, perhaps the only thing on which they do agree—that this gigantic couple shuffle has got to be completed in six weeks. If winter, fatigue, malnutrition, and debilitation are not to sow this pilgrims' road with another terrible crop of sacrifices to theological politics.

And what is everyone going to do when he gets to wherever it is he is going? Both sides will have people without jobs and jobs without people. But it is not as simple as that.

WHAT KIND OF A FARE ARE YOU?

By "T.K."

WHAT kind of a fare are you? A survey of the opinions of some of the 1,000 conductors of the Colony's transportation system shows that 30 percent of fares are "irritants". Running an inadequate transport service, the conductors, when approached on the subject, named some of the types of passengers who tax their nerves.

Right on top of their hate parade are the gatecrashers, literally, who, using strong-arm methods, forcibly board already overcrowded buses and trams. Some even gain access by climbing through the windows. This overloading of vehicles, besides being dangerous, slows up the work of the conductors, who are forced to worm their way around.

Running a close second are feminine shoppers, who will wait till the peak hours before they amble on to packed vehicles with parcels in their arms and half a dozen children trailing after them.

"If they must do their shopping, why don't they finish it early and go home before the rush hours?" asked the conductors.

No less annoying are the "country bumpkins" who arrive in Hongkong with an encumbrance of worldly possessions—bamboo poles and all. Besides obstructing others, their blind poking with the poles starts numerous quarrels, said the conductor friends.

Smokers are as annoying to other passengers as to conductors. The prosperous-looking gentleman, smoking the best imported cheroot, fills the whole vehicle with the foul smell of the most exquisite tobacco. The lady behind doesn't like it and tells the gentleman what he could do with his smoke. Then the conductor has an argument on his hands. Worse still, smokers might drop ashes on the heads of other travellers or even accidentally burn their clothing. In such circumstances, sometimes more than hot words ensue.

The "bah wongs" are not hated most by the conductors, curiously. These toughs, who threaten conductors with physical violence if they are asked to pay for their ride, are disappearing. According to the conductors, there has been a marked decrease in the number of these nuisances lately due to prosecutions in the police courts. However, there are still a number who turn the other way and feign innocence when harassed fare collectors come around.

Spitting is termed "a very filthy habit" by the conductors. But when asked what they were doing in the way of checking it, the conductors replied that there was nothing much they could do besides telling the offenders to spit out of the windows instead.

The over-excited gentleman who jerks the bell cord violently when the bus is still many yards from his stop is frowned upon, as the driver is at a quandary as to what is being conveyed to him. This practice causes unnecessary stopping and delay, thus putting the vehicle off schedule.

Looked upon with equal indignation are the "jumpers" who board and alight before vehicles are at a standstill. The conductors cannot understand why people risk their necks in this manner.

Only two left

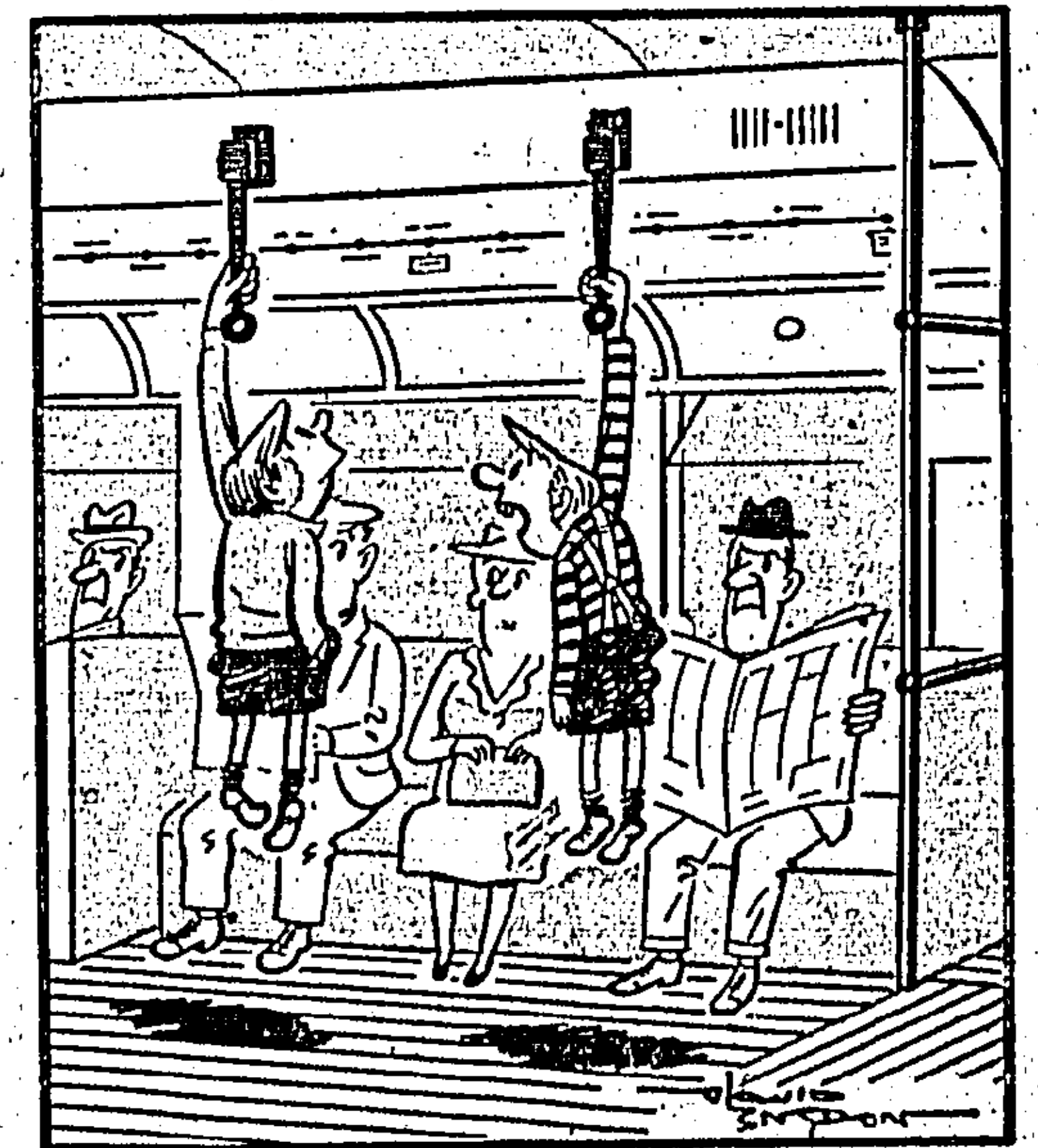
SO our passengers crawled out of the aircraft at Ambala here, all waiting done, all repining past, to a homeland that they suddenly find for the first time to be their home.

I helped out the last two, an old man with a baby in his arms. Without a smile or a tear, with neither thanks nor regrets, he sat on the hot ground among the swirls of dust and waited for what he might now be asked to do.

He had lost his wife, his son, his daughter's child here with him now. Of the family there were left these two, the old man and the baby.

I left them sitting there by themselves, the silent synthesis of the pitiful destiny of India, the ignorance of age and the helplessness of youth, the tireless endurance, the patience that goes on and on for ever.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



"Change next stop for the Zoo, Freddy."

BISSET of the QUEEN ELIZABETH . . . concludes his story

Crossing the Atlantic with the famous

When Mr. Molotov steered the Queen Elizabeth

by . . . COMMODORE
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PEACE came to the Queen Elizabeth without austerity, without rationing. All the luxury and splendour were restored to her 14 decks, and once again women in gay frocks trod her ten miles of carpets and ate what delicacies they desired.

I left the Queen Mary for the Elizabeth in August 1945, stayed with her during her reconditioning, and then took her out to America on her maiden voyage on October 16, 1946.

Looking out from the bridge, it was strange to see so much colour replace so much khaki.

Once again I sat at the captain's table in the main dining saloon and entertained with cocktail parties in my cabin before lunch and dinner.

Once again I slept in my cabin and wore pyjamas—at least, when the nights were clear.

Sparkling hours

Am I to regale you with anecdotes of all the glittering personalities I met as captain of this floating "Grand Hotel" right up to the time of my retirement towards the end of last year?

I have some sparkling memories, but let me say at once that my heart was never in festivities at sea, whether in peace or war.

No good captain can be otherwise. The safety of the ship must ever be his pre-occupation.

I have always had at the back of my mind that the responsibility for all the gaiety, the laughter, and the life was mine, and mine alone.

I am no dull dog, I trust, but I made it a rule never to drink in public rooms in a ship of which I was master.

That did not prevent me from entertaining my dinner guests with wine, but even at cocktail parties my one cocktail would outlast their several.

Greatest of all

The man who made the most impression on me was Mr. Winston Churchill. He was my passenger for three crossings during the war, and Mrs. Churchill was his constant companion.

With Chiefs of Staff, cypher officers, secretaries, and a small guard of Marines, his party generally consisted of about 150 people. There was always his private detective.

A large room was given to the Prime Minister for conferences which he would call at any time of the day or night—sometimes at 2 a.m.—depending on radio message he received.

Once a day, sometimes twice, he and Mrs. Churchill would come to the bridge.



INTERNATIONAL AMITY — Mr. Molotov, Commodore Bisset, and Mr. Vishinsky in the Queen Elizabeth.

The Prime Minister always displayed great interest in our position on the short and in our escort, for when he was aboard we usually had a cruiser keeping with us, constantly relieved by another.

There was air cover for a considerable part of the time, and when we did not over to the other side American and Canadian cruisers would meet us. Once we had a large party of R.A.F. going over for training. Mr. Churchill, in his R.A.F. uniform and made a speech of good cheer.

HISTORIC ROOM

Specially fitted with battle maps

HE spent much of his time studying maps, hung in a specially equipped map room, in conjunction with reports from Montgomery. Messages were sent and received without breaking radio silence. They would be flashed by lamp to an escorting warship.

After dark the warship would turn back, and when two or three hundred miles separated us, the messages would be radiated to London or Washington.

On one voyage Mr. Churchill was suffering from bronchial trouble, and the damp, muggy weather of the Gulf Stream affected him rather badly.

He called me to his cabin to ask how long we would be in that climate. I assured him that by 10 o'clock next morning we should be in cool, dry weather.

My prediction came true, and by the time we arrived in Halifax he was better.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor I recall as a very charming couple, extremely attached to each other.

I took them to New York. They invited me to one of their parties in the ship, and they came to one of mine and made themselves thoroughly at home with my guests.

As they were disembarking the Duke said he was sorry to hear I would be retired before they made the return trip, and presented me with a pair of beautiful gold cuff links.

Mr. Molotov asked if he could take the wheel when he came on the bridge during the Queen Elizabeth's maiden voyage. New York papers reported that when he steered the ship veered slightly to the left!

I asked him to my cabin for a drink and was all prepared with vodka. He refused this, and accepted a small glass of whisky.

The ship's belle

We conversed through an interpreter, but I have a feeling that Molotov would very much like to speak English, for he kept repeating words as if to familiarise himself with them. The belle of the ship on one voyage was Mrs. Roosevelt.

Dressed in black, she was going over to a Paris conference with Senators Connolly, Vandenberg, and Stettinius, but she made time to see everyone who asked for an interview—soldiers, nurses, and all sorts of humble folk.

She obviously loved to talk to them and seemed to me her whole life was centred round trying to do good for everybody she could. I have rarely met so sympathetic a person.

Most people travel on business, with the amount of money on them strictly limited. They have shown no sign yet of wanting to risk it on big-time gambling.

I was close to tears when I said goodbye to my officers and crew on my last voyage. They, and the passengers, made me a handsome presentation—much to my surprise. My commadore's uniform, with its two-inch gold stripes, hangs now in my flat at Cheltenham, far from the sea. It is sad to think I shall never pace the bridge again as master of a great ship.

But, having made the maiden voyage of the mightiest vessel in the world, I must not be sorry to retire. I am 64, and I feel satisfied I have had a good innings. I am content to make way for the younger men coming along.

WAY TO THE TOP

Long hours never worried him

LOOKING back through half a century at sea, what lessons can I read?

I rose from the bottom of my calling right to the top, and I feel it was through no special gifts except the ability always to stick to my job.

I have never let my own feelings count, and long hours have meant nothing to me. I have striven to uphold and honour the reputation of the great line I served.

To me it shone like a sacred thing, but I suppose it is just loyalty of service and deep respect for the condition of the men who have made the ships—and sailed the seas before me.

Always something new

The responsibilities I shouldered have gained me small material wealth compared with the profit in the life of even an ordinarily successful business man.

But I have never been one to grasp after money, and I was never scared of taking responsibility.

I love ships and I love the sea, and have always liked wandering about the world, seeing new places and meeting new people.

I like, too, the solitude of the sea. I think the most beautiful natural thing in the world is a night at sea in the tropics.

But to me there is nothing more inspiring than a storm. I always felt better when the weather was bad—it gave me extra energy and set on top of the world.

There is something majestic in a battle with the elements, for it is a challenge to man, and I have eagerly accepted the challenge.

It appears to be the fashion for parents to try to persuade their boys not to go to sea. As a boy who nearly ran away from home to get aboard a wind-jammer, you would not expect me to hold with that.

If a boy shows any desire, let him go. If he has anything in him at all, the sea will make a man of him. My own life has shown there is nothing to prevent any lad—he be deck boy or apprentice—from reaching the top, provided he has good health, good eyesight, and is moderate in all things.

SAIL-TRAINED

Sea sense that steam cannot give

I AM sorry the chances of training in a sailing ship are now almost non-existent. Sail gave me a sea sense that the steamship man cannot possess.

There used to be a saying that a good sailor always looks above his head. That was where he saw what was going on, for his chief interest was the sails.

The steam man does not have this habit. Many a time I have gone out on to the bridge in recent days and have seen a signal ballyard bar light from getting wet.

I had to give the order to slacken it off—steam-trained men around me had never noticed it. A small thing, but it counts!

There are still many things to look out for—radio aerials, lightning conductors, the crew's nest, the masthead lights. Yes, it was a good habit.

The modern young sailor is content to stay in the wheelhouse and keep a look-out through a glass window. Sail-trained men would never dream of doing such a thing.

Sail men would go out into the open and keep a look-out in the wind and weather.

This may be old-fashioned of me, but I still judge the best watch is kept in the open.

Last of line

I often think it a great pity that I and a few other captains are the last of the sailing ship men.

People who have met me often talk about my grin. My wife doesn't like the word, and wishes they would say smile.

But smile or grin, I assure you it is not assumed for some propaganda effect. I like to be cheerful. It makes me miserable if I talk to people and find I can't be jolly with them.

I am going to lose my grin unless I move to a house near to the sea and talk with men who do business on great waters.

I did much reading when things were quiet at sea, and this old "prayer" I copied out and put in my scrapbook:—

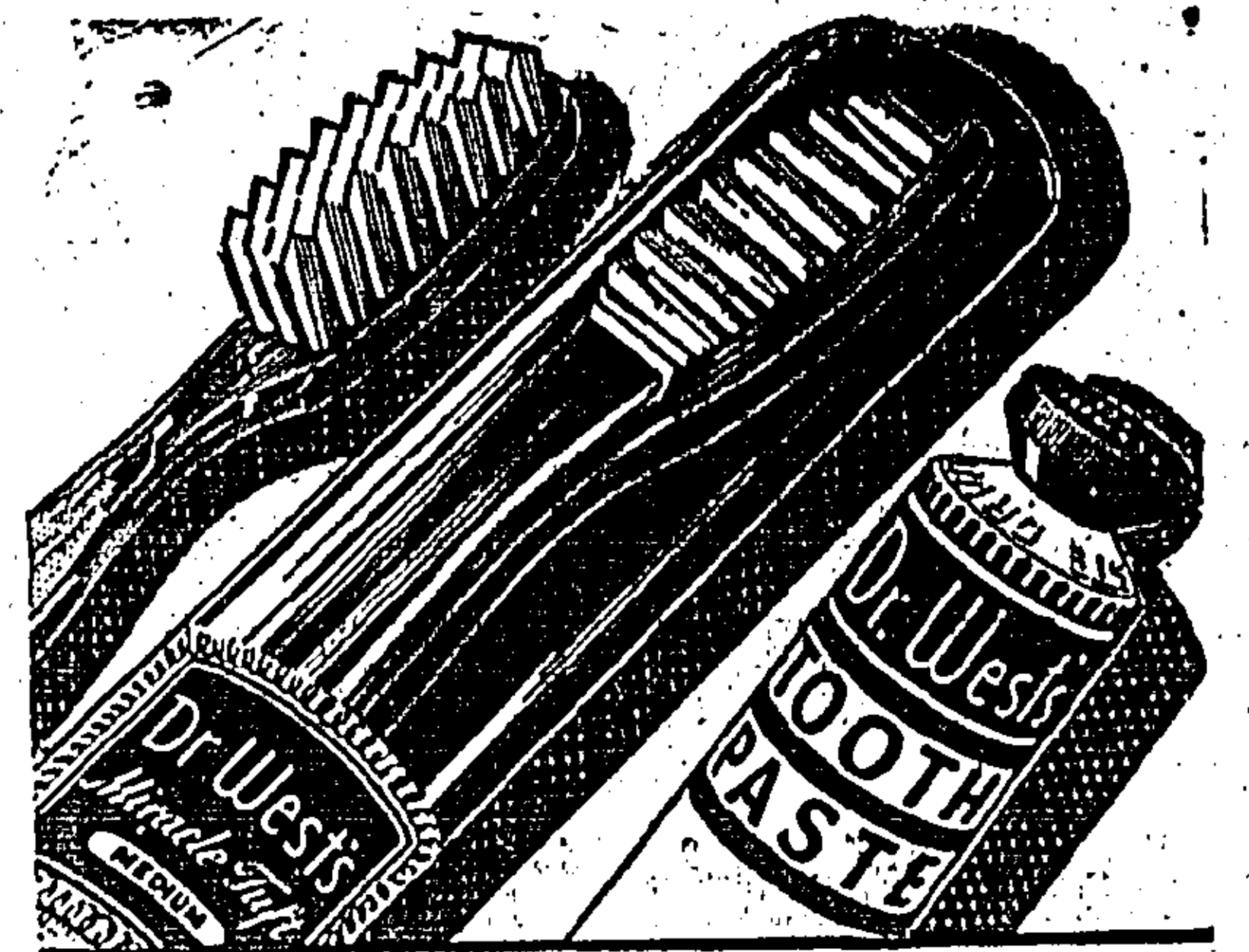
Give me a good digestion, Lord, also something to digest, Give me a healthy body, Lord, with sense to keep it at its best, Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord, to keep the pure and good in sight,

Which, seeing sin, is not appalled, but finds a way to set it right, Give me a mind that is not bound, that does not whimper, whine or sigh,

Don't let me worry overmuch about that funny thing called I, Give me a sense of humour, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke, To get some happiness out of life, and pass it on to other folk.

I have read that prayer many times, battered by 30 years' record established by a man. Forty completed, but only six ate more than 100 in the 30 minutes' time limit.

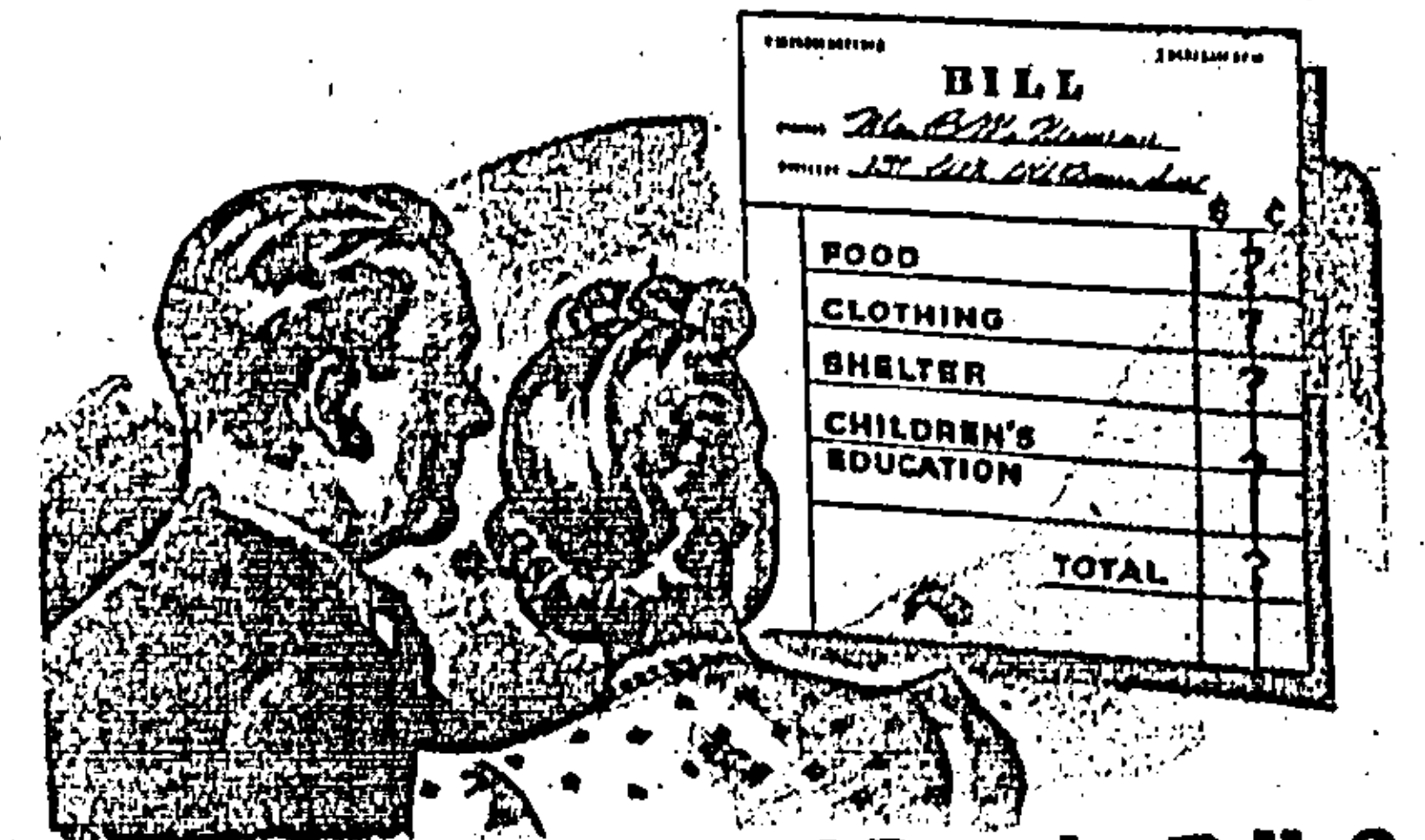
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Born Without Feet,
She Now Walks

For the first time in her three years of life, Nancy Ann Duman, of Pennsylvania, donned a pair of shoes.

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other, Nancy crawled on her knees until an operation last spring made it possible for her to wear artificial limbs.

Her family had not enough money to buy them, but neighbours and the American Legion subscribed the necessary \$350.

By "Candidus"

MORE "LUNGS" TO FIGHT LUNG DISEASES

WITH the question of town planning once again in the forefront of official deliberations, it is to be hoped that special attention will be devoted to the urgent question of public playing fields. Of recent years, Chinese have taken up outdoor sports with commendable enthusiasm, and it is the encouraging of outdoor exercise which will play a vital part in fighting the TB scourge.

The limited number of spaces set apart for outdoor recreation are utterly inadequate—and it is no wonder that they are always overcrowded. From day-light to dusk, one can observe thousands of youths indulging in football, but anything in the way of organised recreation is impossible under present conditions.

THE Southern Playground is the only "lung" in the densely populated Wanchai district, and even that is anything but pleasing to the eye. There are outlying areas where model dwellings might well be planned, and where ample provision should be made for recreation.

On the other side of the harbour, such settlements could be served by the railway, and special workers' fares allowed between certain hours. Of course, all that takes time, possibly years, and something should therefore be done in the meantime. Generally speaking, Chinese love the open air and country environment, and if an area could be set apart in the Shatin or Tai Po areas in the form of a park, with the necessary refreshment and other facilities—and excursion fares put into force over the week-ends—many thousands would be tempted to spend pleasant and health-giving hours in pure air and sunshine after the week's existence in the overcrowded city.

ANOTHER service which must be supplied is that of hospitals for children. It is a sad reflection on this teeming Colony that there is not one such institution. I believe that one of the Chinese hospitals has a special ward set aside for children, but the number of beds might be counted on the fingers of two hands.

The old Government Civil Hospital offers a valuable site, suitably located for service to juveniles. It is true that the H.K.S.P.C. carries on splendid work in nourishing the unfortunate children of the poor, and many thousands benefit thereby, but the fact remains that when a child is sick—and there are many thousands—no hospital exists for their treatment.



GET BUSY, SANTA, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CHRISTMAS

SPORTS FEATURES

Softball Chatter

By "Spectator"

FOUR CHARITY GAMES IN THE OFFING

Last Week's "Massacres"

The cream of local softball talent will be turning out in force shortly for charity's sake. To raise funds to aid the Boys' and Girls' Association, arrangements have been made for four exhibition games—two men's and two women's—to be staged on the South China Athletic Association's football ground, Caroline Hill, on November 30 and December 7.

Lady Grantham, wife of His Excellency the Governor, has indicated her consent to toss the first ball in the initial game on the first day of the exhibition when men players representing China will meet Portugal's representatives. This engagement will be followed by the women's game between the League teams Wahooks and Merry Madcaps, Aces and Bees combined.

The Band of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers will be in attendance.

On the second day, India meet the Rest of Colony amongst the men, followed by China engaging the Rest of Colony in the ladies' encounter.

Play is to start at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively on both days.

Tickets are at \$5, \$3 and \$2 each and they may be obtained from Major C. W. L. Way, c/o Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., Shell House and No. 1 Boy at the SCAA clubhouse.

The capacity programme of five games in the men's division and two in the women's was played off in the last week-end featured one-sided affairs. Heading the list was the severe pasting of Merry Madcaps at the hands of the Mighty Saints, and then there was the unexpected massacre of the Filipinos by the power-packed Canadians.

NOT TOO CONVINCING

All the ten men's teams were on view, with the Police contingent, the latest entry, making their first appearance in the now 10-team League. The stewards of law and order, showing some promise, were taken for a ride by the Hill-men of Caroline. South China's beating up of the G-men was not too convincing however, for they scored only in one canto which brought them 11 runs—count them!—mostly through boneheaded errors committed again and again. The unhappy Rovers, who have trouble in getting enough players to turn up, managed to field a weak nine. They put up a good show before going down to the VRC. Big-hearted Recreio conceded eight runs before winning from the Baseballers. The victory was easy enough but when they allow so many runs scored against them, the Recs' pennant claims may not be too strong. However, they looked as if they were taking things easy. But if they develop the habit of playing anyhow, how will they come out in tight plays?

The Madcap Aces played pushful ball to account for "Social-Lite" Alice Mar's "gentle" Canuckettes. It was an easy triumph for the well-oiled machine from Madcapville. Plucky, popular Madcap Bees went merrily through the motions to be annihilated by the flag-aspiring—with good reasons too!—Wahooks.

FRUITFUL FIRST FRAME

The short-term giant-killing Madcaps' stocks went down groggily when Big Chief Stan Leonard's giants—and they call them Saints—let loose a barrage of accurate blows, helped by Madcap errors, to garner seven runs—no less—in the very first of the first frame. That turned out to be the last for Eddie Mar's quack punch-drunk boys. Little Mite Aturo Ozorio started the ball rolling with a neat bingle. Ramon Castro and David Leonard were then walked. Slow fielding allowed Stan Leonard's slam to be made a hit for Aturo to score. Popular Jindoo Hussain smashed a two-bagger, which centre fielder Sid Hollands got his hands to it but missed. I won't call that an error. Sid could not be blamed for trying. However, two runs came in. Benny Omar's perfect hunt scored in another so did dynamic Hal Winglee's well-placed single. Then two more markers were chalked up by various processes, which Madcaps can give answer to, to give the seven-run lead to the Saints. Conceding such a big lead to a strong side such as St. Joseph's I don't think any team could have recovered. Indeed, the Madcaps never recovered, and were beaten 14 runs to five.

Home runs were banged out by young Sid Hollands, Aturo Ozorio and six-footer Ramon Sequiera. Jindoo Hussain, Sid Hollands, Stan Leonard, Maurice Verleyn and Robert Remedios each lay claim to a double. The best batting average was registered by Ramon Castro, knocking up three hits in three trips. A good second came when David Leonard and Benny Omar each registered 500.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

Championship form was displayed by powerful Bill Woo's power-packed Canadians when they whitewashed the redoubtable Filipinos. Smoke-bait Herbie Quon's classy burling

had the Filipinos eating out of his hands. He was backed by a fast-moving field. Herbie had 10 fans—dressed in the breeze. Canuck A. H. Bakar asserted himself again as a potential Babe Ruth, swiping a grand slam homer and went on to hit out three safeties in four trips. Rough-riding George White claimed the same average too. Junior Markkar and Headman Bill centuriated their share with two hits out of four times at bat. Filipinos appeared to play with an inferiority complex—how come, when they are pretty hot numbers—and got only three bingles. Alfred Lambell, Igmur Erikson and Pepl Maltig were responsible.

Errors predominated in the VRC-Rover encounter, with the two sides showing 23 errors. The winners fumbled nine times against Rovers' 14. Chiefest Tony Lopes' pitching appeared to be rather swift; however, rookie Edmundo Silva slammed him for a circuit clout.

Some heavy slugging was indulged in by the Recs against Doc Mollin's Baseball Clubbers. Recs Chuck Quinn and star cricketer Gerry Gosano each banged out a Ruthian clout. The old Doc was a ball playing moniac—good going Doc!—in no uncertain manner when he acquitted himself with flying colours in various positions in this game.

EASY FOR "ACES"

Steady, accurate twirling by Teresa Baptista in her first full-time assignment, combined with to-the-spot, bullet-pegging to second by hind-sweeper Margie Xavier, contributed to the Madcap Aces' easy accounting of the "gentle" Canuckettes. The losers used two stylish pitchers in oldtimer Mary Ng and Big Chief Alice Mar. Lack of good support from the field did not do their above-the-average pitching full justice. Margie Xavier's mighty slam which resulted in a homer was the outstanding piece of slugging of the game, and the vivacious Celly Gutierrez shone again with a 500 percentage. Dashing Inez Soares, first sacker of the Aces, impressed with her safe handling, putting out eight Canuckettes with many an error. Ullan Koo, Canuck key-stoner, did a good day's work fielding and batting. Very safe in the former department, she excelled with two hits in three times at bat, which included a most timely two-bagger which scored in two of the Canuckettes' four runs. Rookie Canuck backstopper Mariana Yeung showed he did not know too much about plays but there was not a harder trier and harder working player seen for a long time. Of the four hits by the Canadians, Mariana claimed one of them, with Mary Bunn chalking up the other, apart from Ullan Koo's two.

The best in the card of games to be played tomorrow is that between the only unbeaten Canadians against Merry Madcaps. Canucks' two previous victories were against comparatively weak teams. Against Madcaps it will be the first big test, but I expect to come out victorious, especially if Herbie Quon, their star pitcher, produces the same form which devastated the Filipinos last week.

NATURAL SWINGING

The Canuckettes meet the Wahooks in the only women match, and are not expected to bring down the high and mighty Wahooks under Big Chief Terry Noronha, a hurler of ability. Terry's slugging artists Patsy Ribeiro, Inez Soares and Irene Castillo will not be treating opposition pitchers kindly, while Gilly Winglee and Aldo Castro will contribute to the menace.

One thing which impressed about the dresy gentles of Maple Leaf was that they one and all swung hard, having that natural swing, although they missed not irregularly. With the talent available, the wileway wand wielding can be easily improved on by more practice of aim and timing, with some attention paid to stance, to give stronger Canuck attacking power. It would appear to me that the best Canuck infield would be a change of "Honeychille" Marys Bunn from third base because of her conspicuously "gentle" throw to first, although safe at picking up, and Ullan Koo, with her more powerful peg, could go to third. Either Mary Ng or Alice Mar's going to patrol the pastures will, I think, strengthen the outfield.

The full programme for tomorrow is as follows:

Men's Division—9.30 a.m. VRC v. Filipinos; 11.15 a.m. St. Joseph's v. HKBC; 1 p.m. Canadians v. Madcaps; 4 p.m. Rovers v. South China.

Women's Division—2.30 p.m. Wahooks v. Canadians.



The Madcaps' softball team which has made a good start to the season and contending strongly for championship honours.—Golden Studio.

FULL PROGRAMME OF LEAGUE FOOTBALL TODAY

(BY "SEE TEE")

This afternoon all local first division clubs (except St Joseph's) will be in action. It is one of the fullest afternoon's soccer which Saturday spectators will see for some while. To-morrow's Memorial Cup round, the draw for which was made on Tuesday, has not produced the interesting fixture expected. The meeting of the Royal Navy and non-Chinese civilians, should produce a keen match but will not draw a big crowd.

During next week it is hoped that the Malayan Chinese will be back after their tour of Shanghai. They are to play games against the two elevens which were in opposition on the Navy Ground in the Victory Shield match and a Civilians side.

The return of the Malayan Chinese team, Lieh Hwa, should produce three very interesting matches. Their first game of this second visit is against the United Services. Changes must be expected from the Services eleven which lost to the Combined Chinese in the Wedding Day Victory Shield match. Some of the service players will have left the Colony while other positional changes are clearly necessary.

Outstanding for the Services was Craske who played a confident game in goal. While the rest of his defence jittered under the quick-moving Chinese attacks Craske was a tower of strength.

It is not yet certain whether he and Connors will be available for future representative games. Both Connors and Klerman, the Services two insides, were outstanding forwards in the face of a defence which tackled swiftly and covered up well. In many ways Connors is the ideal inside forward. He is tricky, can work the ball well and is tireless in his excursions from one side of the field to the other.

CRACKING PACE

A friendly match (none the less full of keen rivalry) was played off at top speed at Sookunpoo on Wednesday afternoon. The Devons and the Buffs, who have not clashed in local league football, were playing their second game, the previous meeting having produced a drawn game. Another draw (1-1) was a fair result to Wednesday's game. Both elevens set up a cracking pace from first to last, playing keen, vigorous football, which was entirely unspoiled by foul play of any kind. There was no pushing, tripping or other forms of petty fouling. It is the sort of play which so often characterises the meetings of services sides.

There is a game at Sookunpoo this afternoon which promises to produce the same kind of football. The Royal Air Force meet the Royal Navy. It is not yet certain whether Sowells' injured leg will permit him to play today. The RAF centre forward was lame throughout most of the second half of Thursday's Victory Shield match. The Navy must again make changes from the eleven which lost so heavily to Kitchee last Saturday. Foxlee is injured and it is possible that new blood will be introduced in the middle line.

The meeting of Kwong Wah and the Inniskillings (the early game at Sookunpoo, kick-off 3 p.m.) should produce some keen play. The Inniskillings have lost several of their better players in recent weeks but still have an attack which may shake Kwong Wah severely.

OVERLOOKED?

It was an interesting point raised at the Referees' meeting recently at which one of the local referees suggested that too much attention was given to first division matches by the press and that second division players were sadly overlooked. It is true that there is a tendency to take it for granted that only first division players are worth their places in important games. That

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY

Football—1st Division

Caroline Hill.—S. China v. Buffs, 3 p.m.
Caroline Hill.—Eastern v. Sing Tao, 4.30 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—Innisk. v. Kwong Wah, 3 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—RAF v. Royal Navy, 4.30 p.m.
Club.—K. Motor Bus v. Club, 4.30 p.m.
Navy.—Kitchee v. Police, 4.30 p.m.
Police.—Athletic v. 25th RA, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division "A"

Valley.—RAOC v. WD Chinese, 3 p.m.
Military.—Navy v. St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.
Navy.—Kitchee v. K. Motor Bus, 3 p.m.
Valley.—Dockyard v. Police, 3 p.m.
Valley.—S. China v. HKLF, 4.30 p.m.

Second Division "B"

Club.—Club v. Sing Tao, 3 p.m.
Police.—S. China v. Athletic, 3 p.m.

Cricket

IRC.—IRC v. KCC, 2 p.m.
KCC.—KCC 2nd XI v. IRC 2nd XI, 2 p.m.
HKCC.—HKCC v. Craigengower, 2 p.m.
CCC.—Craigengower "A" v. HKCC "A", 2 p.m.
Recreio.—Recreio v. RAF, 2 p.m.

Racing

Valley.—Eleventh Extra Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Tennis

CRC.—Hardcourt Championships semi-finals (singles).

SUNDAY

Football

Caroline Hill.—Memorial Cup. Civilians v. Navy, 4 p.m.

Second Division "A"

Navy.—Eastern v. Talkoo, 3 p.m.
Navy.—RA v. Electric, 4.30 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—RASC v. Signals, 3 p.m.
Sookunpoo.—Cadre v. REME, 4.30 p.m.

Cricket

KCC.—Intra-Club match. "Crickets" v. "Etters", 2 p.m.

Softball

CBA Ground.—VRC v. Filipinos, 9.30; Canadians v. Madcaps, 11.15; St. Joseph's v. Baseball Club, 1; Rovers v. South China, 2.30.
Recreio Ground.—Recreio v. Police, 11.15; Wahooks v. Canadians, 2.30.

Tennis

CRC.—Hardcourt Championships semi-finals (doubles).

Golf

Fantling.—Scotland v. England.

TRAVEL BAN GIVES FILLIP TO BRITISH WINTER SPORTS PLANS

For St. Moritz Read Kingussie

(By JOHN CLARKE)

Fourteen men and four women gathered round a conference table in London recently to discuss the prospects for the winter sports season—in the British Isles.

For the Council of the Ski Club of Great Britain the meeting was a matter of thoroughly reorientating ideas. A month before they had been making arrangements for winter sports in Switzerland, with the ban on foreign holidays these plans had to be scrapped and new ones made. Work began the day the ban was announced.

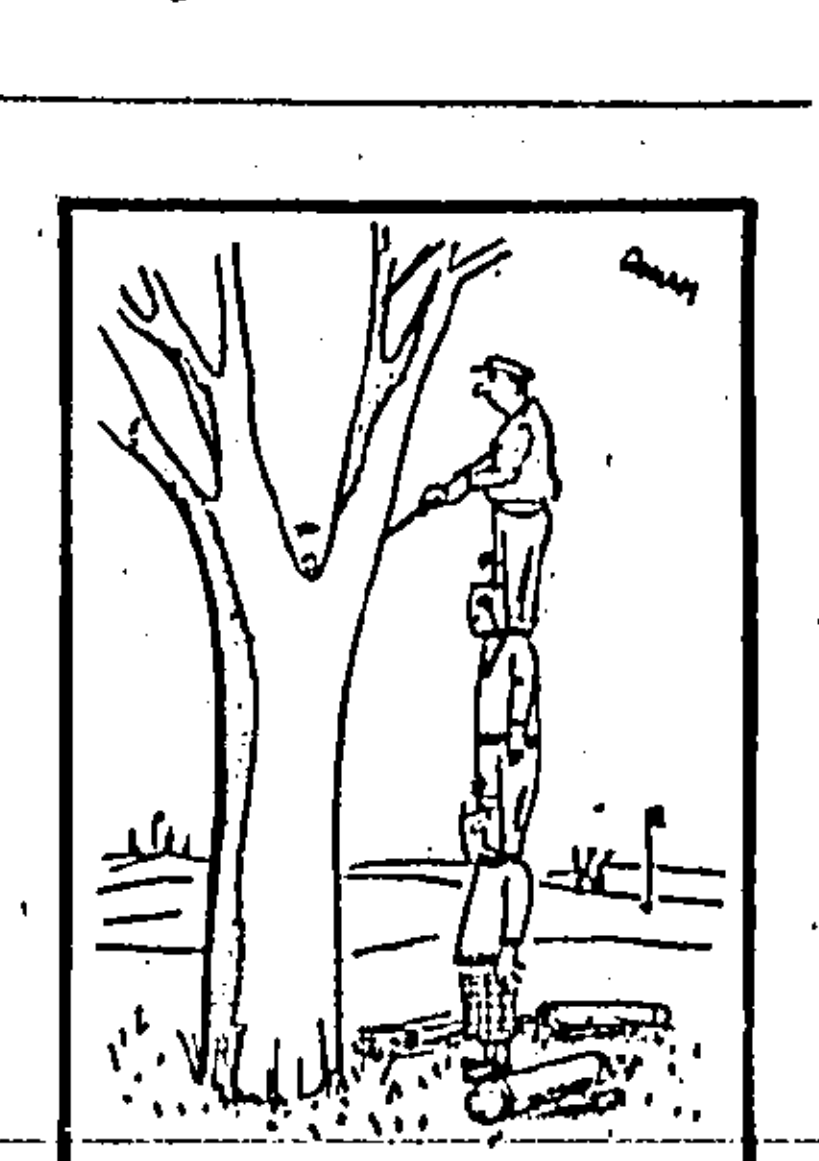
Working closely with the Scottish Ski Club and the dozen or so smaller ski organisations in Britain (they include the Cheviot, the Lake District and the Buxton, Cheadle and Runcom Ski Clubs) the SCGB began listing possible skiing centres.

New names began to appear on memoranda sheets and in blotting-pad doodles—Crianlarich, Killin and Kingussie, in place of St. Moritz. Murren and Davos, for it is in Scotland that Britain's winter sports will have their centre. In Scotland too will be encountered the two main difficulties of British winter sports—transport and accommodation.

Those areas where the best skiing conditions are likely to be found are, in Scotland, usually those avoided by the railways, and with cars off the road as they will be this winter the difficulties of reaching the carries and gullies where the best snow is found are likely to be considerable.

Horses have been used as a means of transport before to-day, however, to reach good snow, and the provision of ski tows is under consideration. Bus companies, meantime, are being asked whether they can arrange for passengers to carry their skis with them when they go by bus.

Lists of available beds in the skiing districts are being drawn up, but already some hotels have indicated that for want of fuel they may have to close down altogether during the winter.



Arthur Peall says:

"STRIKES, left with last two reds and blue facing him as shown on right of diagram, cannot score and must concentrate on his best safety stroke. This is played by driving the cue down the table past the red and rolling the cue ball up to the red to leave the good a snooker indicated."

No one is wanted, but between cue ball and red must be faultless. There is no permissible margin of error when you play a stroke of this kind.

Billiard stroke on the left has more in it than at first sight. You must use the rest to begin with, then judge the exact spot on the top cushion which must be hit to send the cue ball towards the pocket and return cue ball for the cannon. Left side is wanted and strategy must be perfect. Simple as it looks, this shot is full of traps.

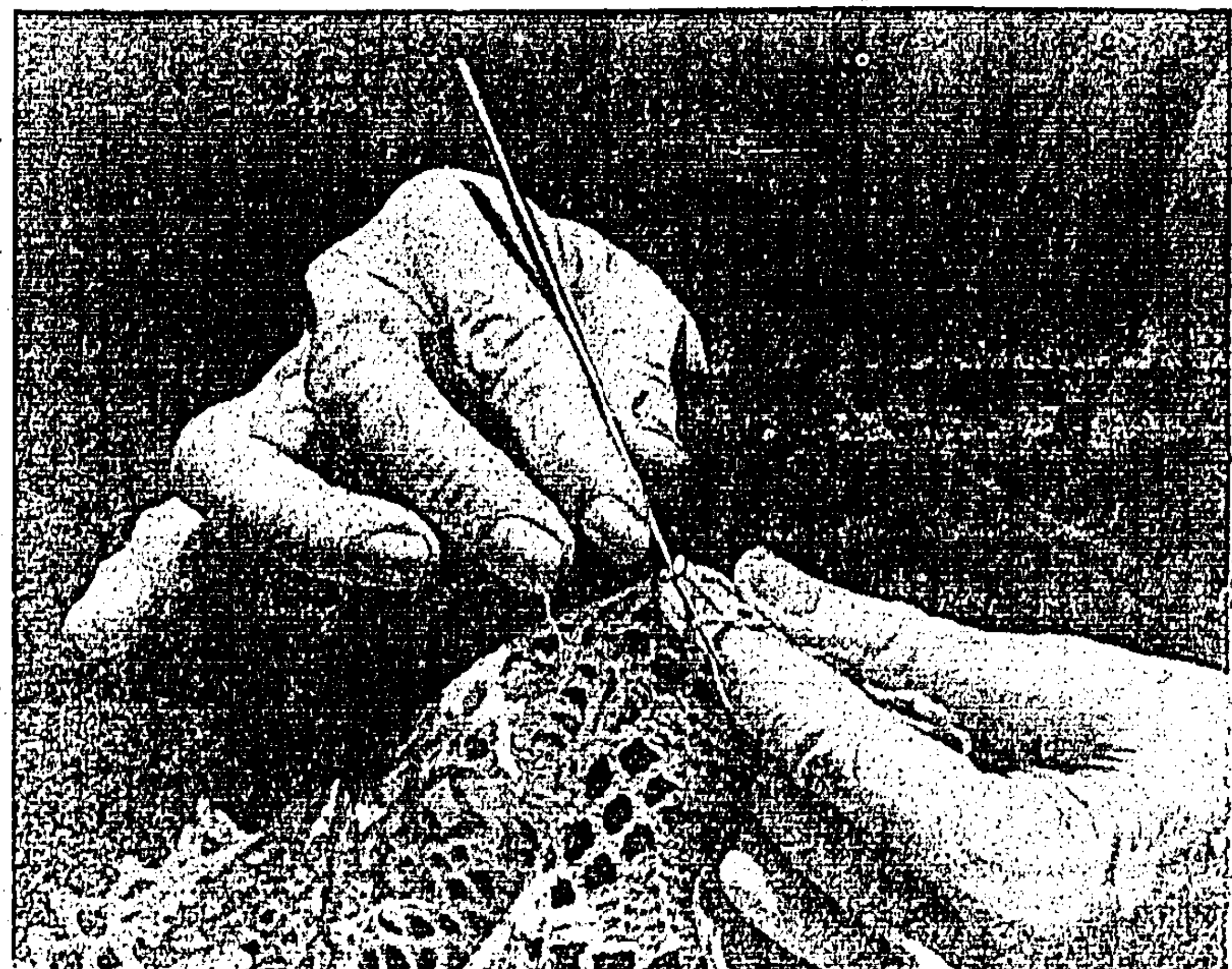
A good many British skiers, particularly those who went by air to the Continent last year, left their skis behind them when they flew back from Switzerland. Efforts are being made to persuade the Bank of England to allow sufficient money of the country to pay for the rehabilitation of this equipment. A short, light ski, with steel edges, is said by experts to be the best type for use in Scotland.

WARMER WEAR NEEDED

The same experts recommend heavier, warmer clothing for skiing in Scotland than would be worn in Switzerland. Two sweaters and a wind-and-water-proof jacket are reported essential items of equipment.

Although there was skiing in Britain years before the sport was thought of in Switzerland (a writer of 1907 recalled going to school on "slices" in this country in the 1860s), experienced skiers are cautious about predicting the season's prospects at this stage. They remember the winter of 1931-32 when a serious effort was made to draw winter sports tourists to Scotland; the attempt was a failure because of the weather.

This year, weather permitting, skiers will be able to obtain up-to-the-minute reports of snow conditions not only from Scotland, but from all parts of the country where skiing is possible (Box Hill, the Dyke at Brighton and the North side of the South Downs are among the possibilities). Negotiations are going on for bringing over Swiss ski instructors for this season.



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...in Chinese, 雙手

...in English, hands

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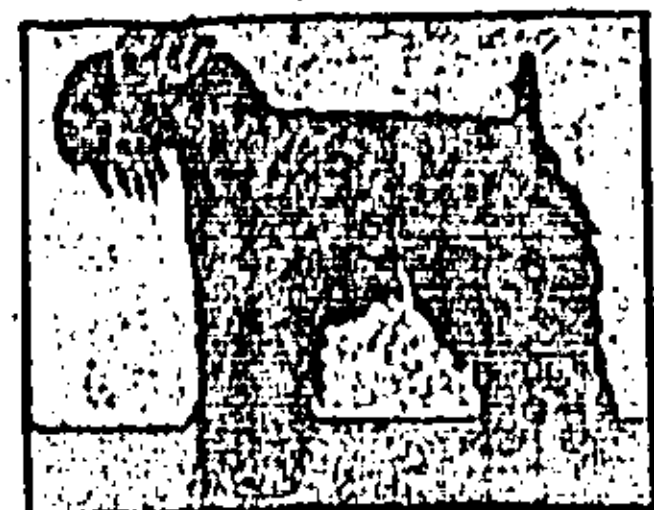
Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. September 22 the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Hook, who was famous as—
British divine, practical joker, founder of Dutch merchant navy, one-armed pirate?

2. If you saw a field of neat they would probably be—
Grazing, waving in the breeze, stacked in sheaves, drinking from a bottle?

3. At the head of the British judicial system is—
Viscount Simon, Lord Goddard, Viscount Jowitt, Lord Greene, Viscount Sankey?



4. Every inch a terrier. Do you know his type?

5. One of these musical instruments is named after its inventor—
Oboe, piano, violin, piccolo, saxophone, bassoon?

6. The U.S. Secretary of State is—
Harold E. Stassen, Henry Wallace, Elliott Roosevelt, George Marshall, Arthur Vandenberg?

7. A pennyroyal is—
Rare stamp, top-sail, kind of mint, naval pennant, early bicycle?

8. What is a campanolo?—
Watchmaker, bell-ringer, linker, canoeist?

9. Handel wrote the "Largo" for—
Oratorio, comic opera, ballet, Mass in C?

10. Which of the following is not an insect—
Hornet, ant, spider, earwig?

Soviets Seek Super Racing Cycle

The Russians are seeking to perfect a racing motor cycle that will excel anything used at international cycling competitions in Europe.

Recently 21 test machines, products of six different factories, were put through a gruelling 5,000 kilometre test run by leading Soviet motor cyclists.—Associated Press.

DELINQUENT TO HERO

Canadian Mounties Get Their "Kids" by Talks, Movies, and Example

BY T. MORRIS LONGSTRETH

THE OLDER boys shoved into the schoolroom's rear seats, where they could cut up without being caught. The tougher you were, Nicky Peltier told himself, the quicker you could join Tony's gang.

Big guy, Tony. Made six bucks last week swiping stuff from cars. If he was here he could make this guy who was going to speak quit. The guy was coming now. Look what's here—a Mounty! Nicky felt a bristle of interest straighten his spine.

Corporal Quain of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police walked smartly onto the platform. He was dressed in review order—stripped Sam Browne, breeches, long boots with spurs, the scarlet tunic.

He was only a handful of years older than Nicky and his crowd. At their age he had been lively enough, and understood. Now he was six feet of muscular peace officer with frank, clean-cut features and disciplined bearing.

"Before I run the sound film called 'Making Mounties,' I'll tell you how this outfit I have the honour to be a member of got started."

A Swell Bunch

Nicky wondered if the Mounty had got wise to the oranges he had lifted from the Greek's stand. Better listen. Gee! it was as good as a western—policing the Indians, rounding up rustlers, getting promoted, going North and having your own dogs. This was the kind of life he'd like—and be good at.

The movie clinched Nicky's conviction that he must join the Mounties. He could take it if they could. When the film ended he was astride one of these horses. The applause showed that all the fellows felt like he did. This Corporal was a swell guy and belonged to a swell bunch.

Look at Jules standing up! He was slightly built, pale. Pulling himself to his full height, he said, "Do you think I'll grow big enough to join the Mounties, sir?"

"You'll never make it! You'll never make it! Sit down!" shouted his companions.

"Who says he'll never make it?" demanded Corporal Quain. "Let me tell you about a young trumpeter I know." And the Corporal launched on another story.

This scene, with variations, has been carried out many hundreds of times throughout Canada in the past year. One wonders, like Nicky, what the Mounted Police are up to. The Commissioner's report gives the clue:

Answer In Example

A few years ago, Deputy Commissioner F. J. Mead conceived the idea that this Force might originate and develop a movement among the youth of the country which in due time would bear fruit in increasing the number of law-abiding citizens and decrease the number of young persons being dealt with under the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Lanky, energetic Jack Mead had climbed the many-runged Mounted Police ladder, from constable to second in authority, raising a fine family en route. He had had to deal with hundreds of boys and girls in trouble, and asked himself what it was that these unfortunates lacked that his own children and those of his brothers in uniform enjoyed.

The answer seemed to be example. Boys brought up in Mounted Police men's homes soaked up discipline and a sense of fair play. They were not afraid of the law, for the law was their fathers. Yet they learned a healthy regard for going right.

They became able, self-respecting young men who would never need a finishing course in the House of Correction.

Since the kids of Canada could not all cat at Mounted Police tables, the next best thing was to take these influences to them. The Force did not want to barge into the work being done by organisations in this field,

but it was felt at Headquarters that these juvenile lawbreakers must be shown a new pattern of living. Educational authorities across Canada were consulted and a new approach to the youth of Canada was formulated.

Presently the Nickys and the Maries of Canada were astonished and delighted to have their school routine interrupted by Mounties plowing them straight-from-the-shoulder stuff about their work.

Earmarks Of Genius

The plan had the earmarks of genius. It was a natural. It offered an irresistible attraction to youth at its most impressionable period. Each ambassador from the hitherto remote Force looked like a hero, and very often was one. And now this hero was offering them his hand-ship. Who could refuse such an offer? In reality this was one of those quiet historic moments that change the course of a nation.

In Saskatchewan alone, 471 talks were given to 19,002 children in the first season of the experiment. Veterans of arctic service told their experiences with blizzards and Eskimos. Officers illustrated the dramatic exploits of the Force's history. Films of the work were immensely popular. Police dogs faced audiences with aplomb. Eager listeners heard the great stories of duty carried out. Ambitions kindled.

Quiz periods followed the talks. "Does a Mounty ever come back without his man?" Reply: "The R. C. M. P. never considers a case closed until successfully concluded, or the culprit is officially listed as dead." "Where's your gun?" Reply: "The work of the moment does not call for gunplay, so not wearing a revolver is a measure of safety." "Why do you wear a red coat when it makes such a good target?" Reply: "During the earliest days of the Force, the scarlet tunic was a symbol of honesty and fair-dealing on the part of the soldiers of the Queen, whom the Indians had learned to trust, and it is retained as such." Fan mail followed the speakers to their barracks.

Major Theme

Through each of the thousands of appearances ran the major theme: the policeman wants to be your friend. The policeman is no kill-joy, avid to arrest somebody, but a man willing and eager to be the friend and counsellor of every boy and girl. He is public servant essential to the well-being of the county.

Sergeant W. H. Kelly gave an inspired definition of this officer: "One of the referees in a game whose rules have been made by members of the community for the greater comfort and security of all."

The success of the new movement was almost embarrassing. It looked as if the 3,000 Mounties would have something like a million new friends on their hands. In one community juvenile delinquency was reduced 80 per cent. The hero came worked.

The Mounted Police like it, too. "The more one does of this work the more enthusiastic one becomes," reports Sergeant Kelly. They see the enormous possibilities for good.

Success in winning the youth of Canada from the tawdry to the wholesome will put the Dominion, already a great and inspiring country, into an almost impregnable position. For as youth goes, so goes the nation.

ICE BRIDGES MAY SPAN ARCTIC

War-time plans to use ice as a building material were cancelled, but research is now concentrated on its use for peacetime construction.

In 1942 Canadian National Research Council physicist Dr. C. D. Niven designed HMS Habakkuk, an anti-U-boat floating air station.

Made of 50 percent ice and 14 percent wood pulp (mixed), it was to weigh 2,000,000 tons and have a flight deck 2,000 feet long. Elaborate refrigeration plant would keep the ice frozen. Habakkuk's speed was an estimated seven knots.

The order was cancelled when the submarine menace faded toward the end of the war.

Niven told scientists at Ottawa recently that the same principle could be applied to building bridges and roads in the Arctic.

How It Is Built

He described how an ice bridge could be built.

Sheets of ordinary tar paper would be made into cylinders resembling stove pipes. Water would be sprayed on the tar paper and frozen to any length desired and about three feet in diameter.

The blocks would be laid end to end and cold air fanned through from a tank of brine and ice. Dried muskeg or peat, which is plentiful in the North, would provide insulation.

Construction costs were many times cheaper than steel or concrete bridges.

Arctic roads which become unusable in summer could be made passable all the year by this method, because the blocks would rest on the "permafrost" level, which remains frozen all the year.

RESUMING A 'PREWAR' TELEGRAPH FEATURE

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



High frontal lighting produced the dark shadows on the face of the model here. To avoid such shadows try sidelighting, or backlighting, or shoot when the sun's low in the sky.

FRONT vs. BACK

A BULKY envelope reached me the other day from a young girl in her teens. She enclosed a number of prints. "I always take my pictures," she wrote in her letter, "with the sun over my shoulder. Do you think these are good?"

After I had answered her note I got to thinking further about it. Specifically, I got to thinking about the business of the sun and her shoulder. It gave me an idea for today's column and I dug out the snapshot shown here.

This picture was made with the sun over the photographer's shoulder. It's properly focused, properly exposed, and pretty well composed. Yet it is not a fine snapshot.

And the reason it's not is that the sun was behind the shoulder of the photographer. The model faced the

sun—a brilliant, noon, summer sun. If you look closely you will notice that this has left deep shadows on her face. Most of her forehead is shaded by her hair and her nose casts a shadow over her mouth and much of her chin. As a result, the light on her face is uneven, her features less easily recognised.

Here, then, is a case where the young correspondent might well forget the rule of having the sun behind her when she shoots. For with pictures of people out of doors, sidelighting or sidelighting generally yields more pleasing results than full, frontal lighting. And in this connection, too, the slanting sunlight of mid-morning or afternoon is to be preferred to the direct, overhead sun of noon.

Two last points, however, which it's well to remember. When your subject is backlit you must be sure that no direct sunlight falls on your camera lens. And you may find, too, that you need a somewhat longer exposure. Where this shot was made at 1/50 and f/11, a backlit shot might be made at 1/50 and f/8.

—John van Guilder

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Sefton Delmer's Newsmag

(Continued From Page 4)

help Britain to recovery by importing as many British goods as it could.

Not a single application to import British goods to Switzerland, I was told, has been turned down by the Swiss authorities, however luxurious and superfluous the import may have been. At the same time the Swiss are exporting all they can to Britain to help in reconstruction. This they consider the best way to bring back the tourists.

Bitestest complaint of the Swiss authorities against the British is that the ban was imposed after they had made special efforts to facilitate the visit of a large number of tourists for the winter sports season.

They had (1) rushed an order for 75 de Havilland jet fighters through the Swiss Parliament in order that the 20,000,000 Swiss francs down payment should help balance the Anglo-Swiss trading position; (2) all through the rest of the year they had rationed the number of British visitors to Switzerland so as to save up 40,000,000 Swiss francs for the British to spend on winter sports.

Now they have the 40,000,000 francs left over, but no tourists to spend them.

AMSTERDAM: Good diplomats are scarce

ON my flight back from Zurich for a few hours I found my Dutch friends gloomy at a piece of news from the British Embassy.

Sir Neville Bland, the ambassador, and Richard Laming, the commercial counsellor, are both going. They are being replaced because they are over 60.

Both Sir Neville and Richard Laming have a long experience of the Netherlands. They know the Dutch, and the Dutch trust them. My friends in Amsterdam are upset that both of them are being removed together. One of them

ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Practical joker. 2. Grazing. 3. Neat are cattle. 4. Kerry Blue terrier. 5. Saxophone, invented by Adolphe Sax. 6. George Marshall. 7. Kind of mint, formerly used as medicine. 8. Bell-ringer. 9. Comic opera, "Serge" (1738). 10. Spider (it has eight legs—an insect, six).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1 and 4, Into Battle; 5, Aloe; 6, Narration; 11, Snoby; 12, Take; 13, Unalter; 14, a.m.; 15, Lyric; 17, Amulet; 20, Oil; 22, Taproom; 26, Dairyman; 27, Desperate. Down: 1, Insulated; 2, Nanny; 3, Orb; 4, See 1 Across; 5, Attent; 6, Liar; 7, Enemy; 9, Rear; 10, Okapi; 16, Comma; 18, Made; 19, Upas; 21, Lane; 23, Rip; 24, Ore; 25, Sat.

should have been left to guide the new generation. I agree.

On my trips around Europe during the last year I have frequently found embassies staffed in the top positions with newcomers who had to learn the country. It is good to make changes. But don't cut all the heads off. One at a time is enough.

THE RUHR: That's the stuff, Sir Brian!

I LIKE the tone adopted by Lieut-General Sir Brian Robertson in talking to the Germans about the dismantling of their factories in the Ruhr.

Said he to the "protests of Herr Arnold, Prime Minister of the Ruhr-Rhine Province:

"I have not come here to threaten you with force, but just as little have I come to plead for your support. We are going to speak about how the plants are to be dismantled, not whether they are to be dismantled."

That is the stuff to give the Germans. No appeal. No argument. The Germans themselves will appreciate this firmness. This way, Sir Brian will get things done.

Hook-up with a know-all

REVIEWS BY
JOHN PUDNEY

INSIDE U.S.A., by John Gunther. (Hamish Hamilton, 21s.)

HE goes everywhere, meets everybody, knows everything. His archangelic view is something which civilization has lacked.

He is one of the rare birds who gaze down from the vacuum of omniscience at the Great and the Humble.

What they seem to see is relayed over a world hook-up. Sometimes they are right, sometimes wrong. Most of us fall for their stuff because they are so expert at mixing their intimacies with the Great and their generalisations about the Humble.

Such is John Gunther, doyen of the know-alls, whose new book is a slick, exhaustive, readable survey of his own continent. I have not read all the 920 closely printed pages and probably never shall. I recommend the book for two reasons alone.

First, the index. I read all its 32 pages. It led me straight to half a dozen things I wanted to know about America, colourfully factually, set out.

Second, the dips. Random dips in these pages provide facts and views of America which are entertaining, educational, all the better for being discovered by chance.

Here is Gunther easing us dexterously into the presence of Henry Ford:

"Well now, let me see, Mr Ford said jerkily, when I asked him about the origins of this project which is at once stupendous and in a curious way absurd."

So we are admitted into the jerky philosophy which declared history to be bunk.

This is not great literature: it is monumental, competent reporting. Like all good encyclopedias, it will be useful as a bedside book.

IF PITY DEPARTS, by Robert Atthill. (Andrew Dakers, 5s.)

IT is not from lack of conscience that I have failed to recommend a new book of poetry this summer. There is no lack of versifiers. Verse-writing, indeed, seems to come next only to the making up of official forms and football pools in the talents of the inky post-war Briton.

Robert Atthill's first book stands out because of his exact and vivid use of words: "The suave voice," he writes, "with its casual arithmetic of death booming in a million shuttered homes." That shares the experience of war briefly, poetically, successfully.

"Pity is the sharp sword in our house," he writes, in the title poem of the small, well-tempered volume. There is no abundance of such lines in this book. But there is a promise of ringing eloquent poetry, and that is what we have been looking for.

SIXTH FORM BOYS' VIEW OF PARSONS

Boys at Bristol Grammar School were asked recently to give their views on the Church and religion.

Here are some of the things they said:—
1. Vicars are either at home in the past or intellectually incapable of living in the present.
2. Too many clergymen go on with the care of souls when they should be superannuated. Why does the Church protect gross inefficiency?
3. Today it is considered stupid, cissy and even funny to be a Christian.

4. I think the Church is too much associated with bazaars, dances and whilst drives. It does not do enough sheer teaching of its flocks in the ways of Jesus.

Monuments of Dead Ago

Telling 300 clergymen of this at the Bristol Diocesan Conference, Mr. John Garrett, the school's headmaster, said: "If you do not wake up from what I sometimes think is your Rip Van Winkle sleep, you will find that the stars of Hollywood will have taken the place of the stars of Heaven."

would be immeasurably more satisfying if he gave them beginnings and middles.

THE RAPE OF MAN OR THE ZOO LET LOOSE, by Donald Cowie. (Tantivy Press, 12s. 6d.)

A LABOURED parable, which the publishers optimistically urge shall be compared with Voltaire's "Candide" and Swift's "Gulliver." The "famous young poet" whose massive Poetical Works has been the poetry best seller of the year is the modest trumpet blown for Mr Cowie.

I found his scenes describing the revolt of the animals and vegetables against mankind to be massive only in their ponderous humour. Since comparison with such peaks as Voltaire and Swift is invited, I regretfully assign them the stature of molehills.

In fairness to Mr Cowie, who is not the author of his own blurb, let me add that he is master of a rich variety of language, employs nice turns of phrase. There is amusing characterisation such as "a certain number of fidgety seedlings." Puns such as "a good thyme on a Sunday morning" seemed flimsy by the time page 168 was reached. I began to dread the puns that might lurk in the remaining 54 pages.

THE MORE WE ARE TOGETHER, by Denys Val Baker. (Sampson Low, 8s. 6d.)

THOSE people who band themselves together into self-conscious communities in the depths of the country in order to practise a New Life can seem funny and weird to the conventional breadwinner. They also can seem boring and messy.

Mr Val Baker's long novel about such a community in Cornwall too

Large herbaceous plant growing in warm climates, bearing a flower like a convolvulus.

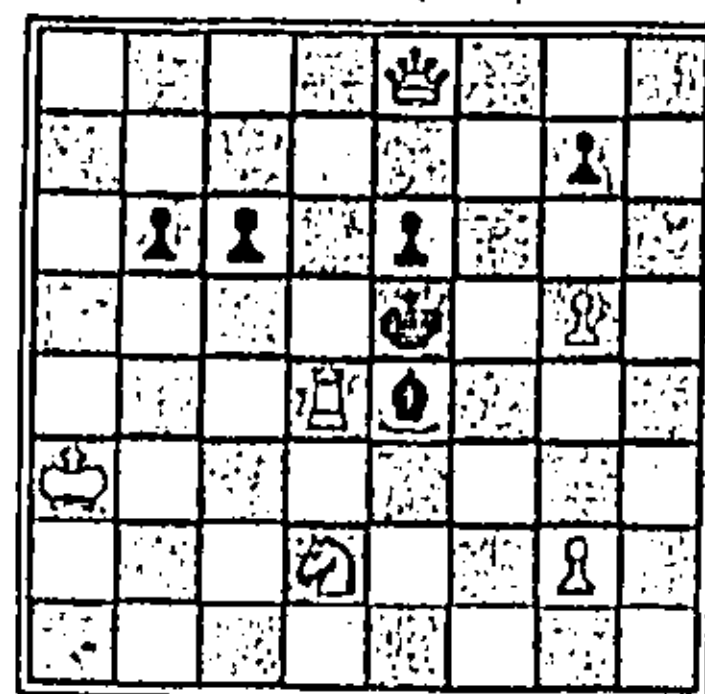
THE TRIAL OF LEY AND SMITH. Edited by C. E. Bechhofer Roberts. (Jarrolds, 16s.)

IT seems only yesterday when most of us were involved in the organisation of wholesale sudden death. Already the death of one unfortunate bar-tender killed last autumn fills a volume, and provides me, almost against my will, with an evening's reading.

Mr Bechhofer Roberts has seduced me with a masterly summary of the case, skilfully combining journalism and law. I was compelled to read every word of this summary of "The Chalk-Pit Murder" in order to appreciate the asides.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. MAZEL
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-B8. any 2. Q. R. B. or Kt mates

"The average sixth-former will like and trust a priest only after he has proved him, notwithstanding the dog collar."

"We must give young people the impression that we are working 'hell for leather' to save them for the Church."

"If we don't, in a generation's time our churches will be regarded merely as interesting monuments of a dead age."

NANCY Baby Talk

By Ernie Bushmiller

I LOVE MINDING BABIES

IT MAKES YOU FEEL SO GROWN-UP—JUST LIKE AN ADULT

THERE'S JANIE WITH MRS. SMITH'S CHILD—WE CAN STROLL ALONG TOGETHER

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exhaustively dwell upon the boring messiness. I could not screw more than an occasional giggle out of it. There is a handful of character sketches, the atheist, the health crank, the good-earth pundit, and Miss Roper, a well-drawn English eccentric. For all their peculiar behaviour, these cannot stretch their vain and pretentious lives with enough interest over 240 closely printed pages.

Mr Denys Val Baker is an active and discriminating collector of short stories, and he has edited several excellent anthologies. He should know better than to offer this heavy duff about highbrows so sparsely leavened with currants of wit.

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THANKS BEFORE GOING, by John Masfeldt. (William Heinemann, 10s. 6d.)

THE Poet Laureate publishes such a literary rag-bag that it is difficult to suggest what is good for the average reader to pick out, unless it be the rare quality of sheer enthusiasm.

Masfeldt's themes cover Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the way to produce "Macbeth," the vagaries of a jack-draw called Peter, and the rigging of model ships. Whether you have a taste for any or all of these you will find the precise and lucid enthusiasm of the author's prose quite a tonic.

Many a Masfeldt work, I confess, has bogged me down in the past, so that I have wondered at my youthful enchantment with the Laureate's work. Quite late in life, however, I have found myself skimming through the rigging of model ships with the greatest ease, borne aloft by the unreserved enthusiasm of the Poet Laureate's prose.

HANGED BY A THREAD, by Denis Haddow. (Hutchinson and Co., 8s. 6d.)

BLAZONED across the dust cover are the words "£10,000 United Nations Literary Competition Selection." Who selected it, I wonder, and what has happened to the literary nobility of the United Nations? I am not fussy about split infinitives, but I wonder if the author really deserved all that money for writing such a sentence as this (Page 20): "I haven't had time to really sort it out yet."

Rupert and the Three Guides—29

Still searching for the gipsy's tree Rupert gets deeper and deeper into the wood until a little chuckle near his ear pulls him up sharply. The Guides Beryl and Janet are peeping at him through the leaves. "Gracious, how you made me jump," says Rupert. "What are you doing? Well," says Janet. "Here thought we ought to chase robbers so we're after squirrels again and we've found something awfully queer. Pauline's waiting there. Do come with us."

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Skeleton Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

3. Such a squad may be clumsy, but it's usually on the square.

9. This trick's a good one for a collector on a two-wheeler.

10. Deceit as a m.b.m. might call it.

11. What sounds like a self-sufficient remark is the only one of a season (two words).

12. Though a healthy spot it is the centre of despair.

14. "I'm not," says the fellow who's feeling bubbly.

17. You and your kind confuse the lovers when you lose your mates.

18. Useful thing to have if the beer runs out.

21. Critically? Certainly not!

24. Part of a hayrick in Scotland, and—

25. It's so easy to make things so far that they're in the jungle.

26. Pity due? If this failure one night got it.

27. Six-in-one.

28. The boredom of that siren.

29. Though only hangers-on, they can certainly produce results.

CLUES DOWN

1. Travelling this one is not on dry land.

2. Many a traveller depends on it.

3. No, I excavator? (three words).

4. Well, maybe, but go for it.

5. And a fool, like this, is bound to be.

6. Strength you find in one's mind.

7. Bottled spirit?

8. Mad as a cup-hunting athlete.

9. Shall we say it? The inlet might need some oil.

10. What's the hotel score? Say

11. A Scotman leaves Herbert with some gallion.

12. It's for the little man with the whistle.

13. Is it only by chance that the ship is held?

14. It has the girl up for some hair.

22. Material I mend possibly.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Cross-Ruff Good Offensive Strategy

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

WITH the increased interest in tournament bridge, more Canadians are participating in American tournaments, and Americans are visiting Canadian tournaments in larger numbers. Several American stars are planning to attend the Province of Quebec Championships to be held at Montreal.

Samuel F. Tilden of Montreal was in my office recently and we got around to a discussion of bridge hands. He brought up today's hand, which I think is a clever one. At first glance there seems to be no problem—declarer loses a spade and two diamonds. But it is not as easy as that. It takes nice play and a

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♥ J 3
♦ 7 6
♠ J 10 9 5

W N E
S Dealer

♠ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♠ A K 7 6 5 4 3 2

Tournament—N-S vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
4 ♠ Pass Pass Double
Opening—♠ K

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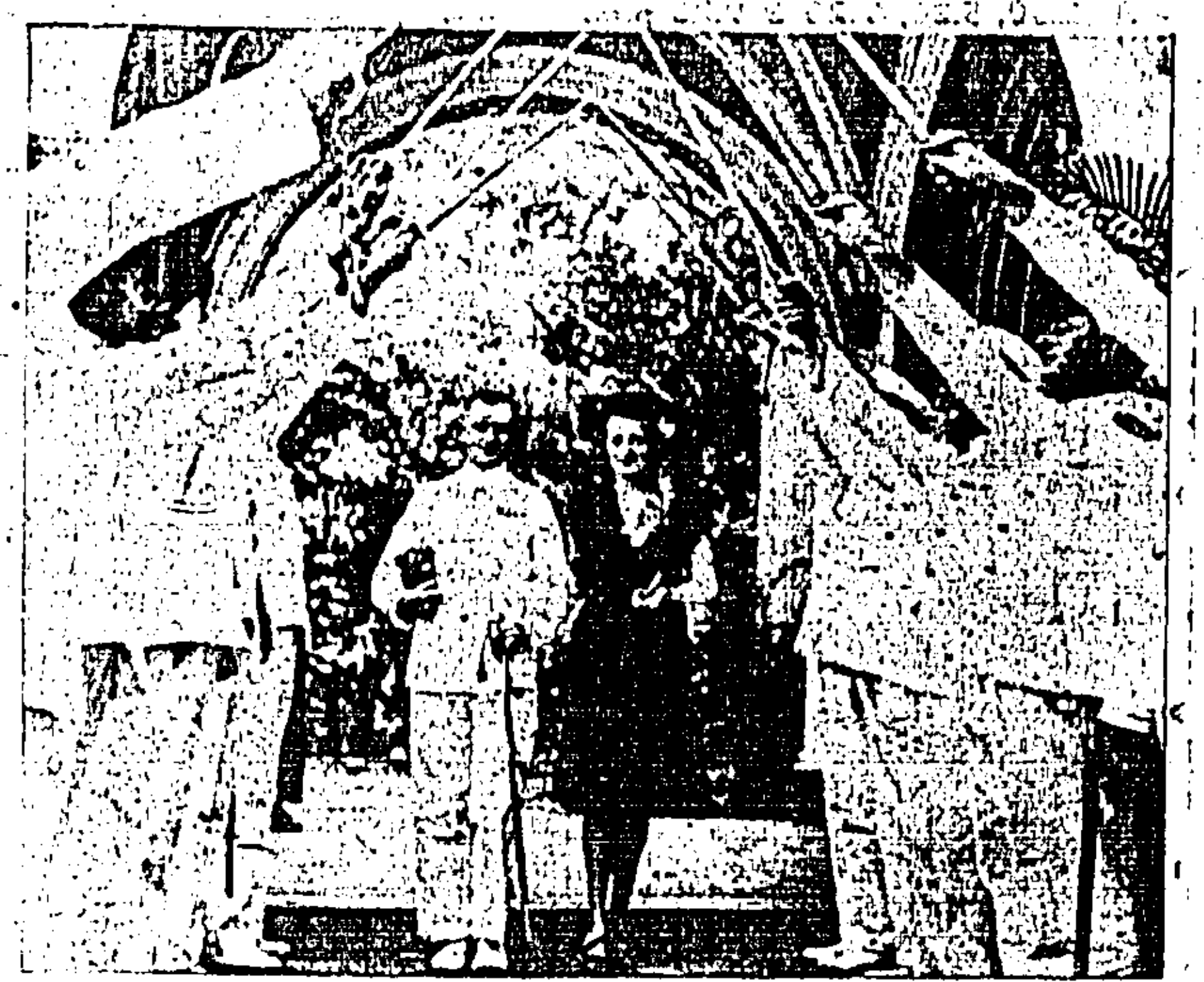
TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



WHEN Canton's Police Commissioner, Gen. Lai Tit-hon, visited Hongkong last week, he was met on arrival at the Kowloon railway terminus by Hongkong's Police Commissioner, Mr D. W. MacIntosh, and other senior Police officers, with a guard of honour from the Hongkong Police Force. (Photo: Golden Studio)



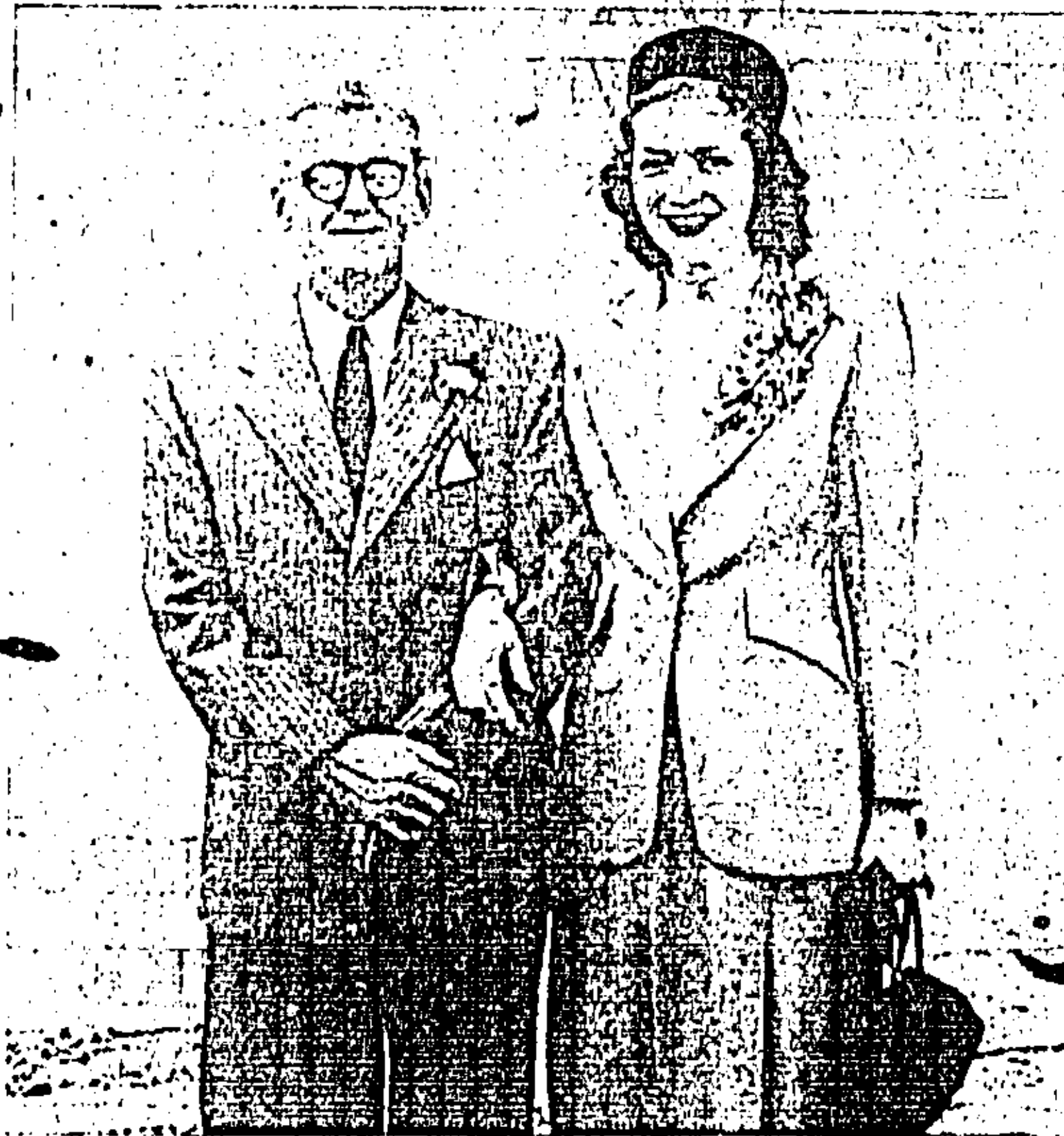
MRS E. H. WILLIAMS, wife of the Puisne Judge, presenting school prizes and sports trophies at the annual speech day of the Diocesan Girls' School last week. (Photo: Golden Studio)



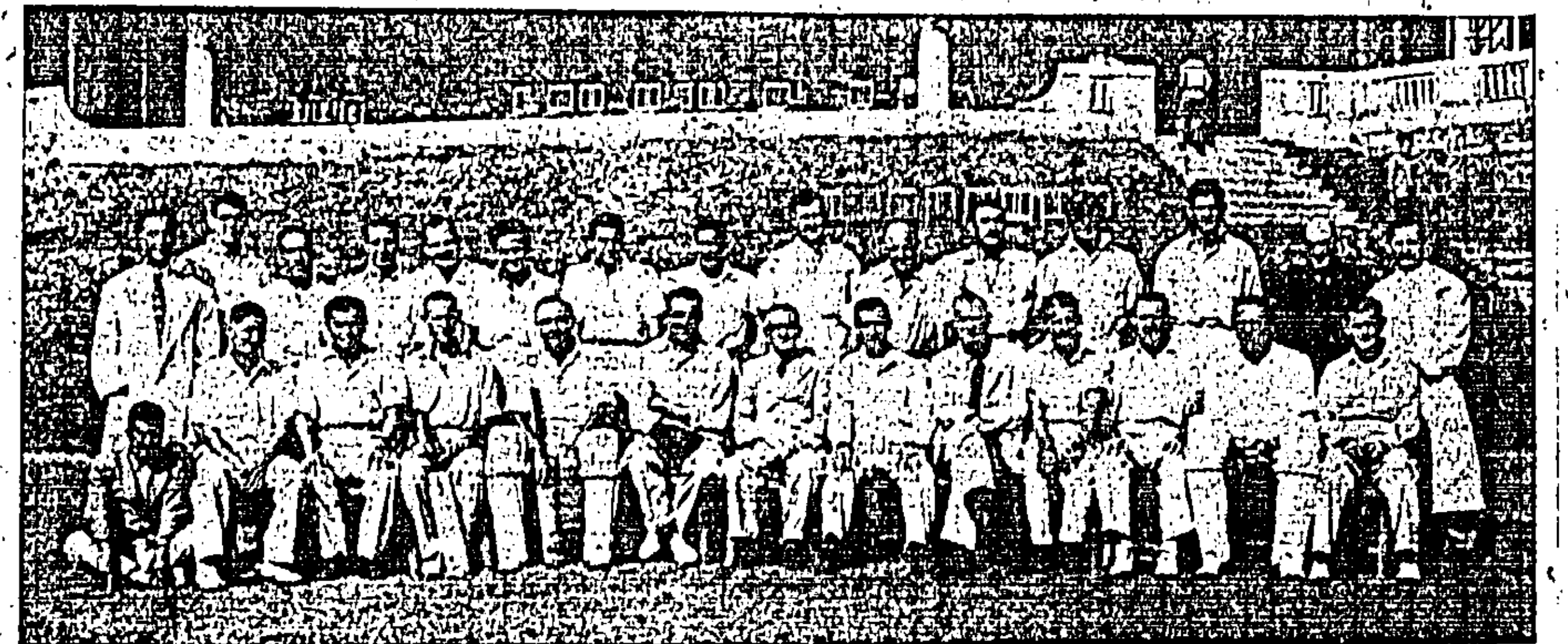
MR M. J. RYAN, Commissioned Officer Writer, Royal Navy, and his bride, Miss Kathleen Buckley, leaving St Joseph's Church after their wedding last Saturday under an archway of swords. (Photo: Golden Studio)



HE THE GOVERNOR, Sir Alexander Grantham, distributed certificates to successful students last week at the first postwar graduation ceremony of the Hoop Yunn Girls' School. (Photo: Golden Studio)



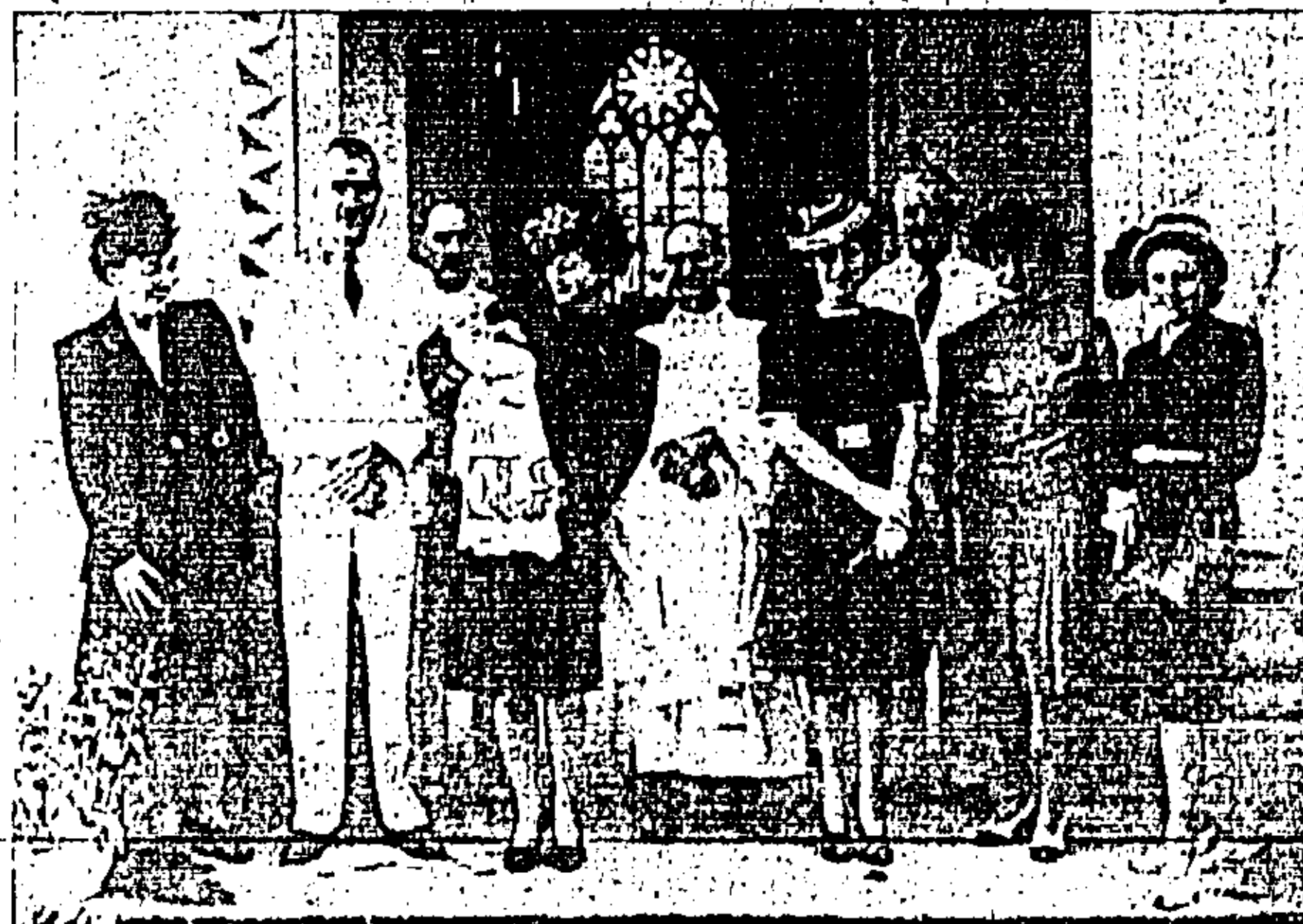
PHOTOGRAPHED after their wedding on Monday—Mr H. P. Bailey and his bride, formerly Miss Sheila Violet Starling. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



GROUP showing the Shanghai Interporters and a team representing Kowloon, which met in a friendly cricket match last Sunday. The visitors won by five wickets. (Photo: Golden Studio)



SOME of the younger Indian residents of Hongkong snapped during a three-legged race at the children's sports held in connection with the Devali Festival at the Indian Recreation Club last Sunday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE christening took place at St John's Cathedral on Friday last week of Geraldine Glass Hooper, daughter of Mr E. D. C. Hooper, OBE., Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Mrs Hooper. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR CHIU PUT-YURK and his bride, Miss Lam Shuo-kiu, photographed with their attendants at the Hongkong Hotel after their marriage on Monday. (Photo: Golden Studio)

OFFICERS and Chief Petty Officers of HMS Constance (below), photographed last Saturday outside the China Fleet Club on their way to a friendly fancy dress football match



BANK SOCCER—Interest in football is very keen among the staff of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. This picture was taken recently when the Old Staff met the New Staff in a Sunday morning encounter. (Photo: Pin Pin Studio)

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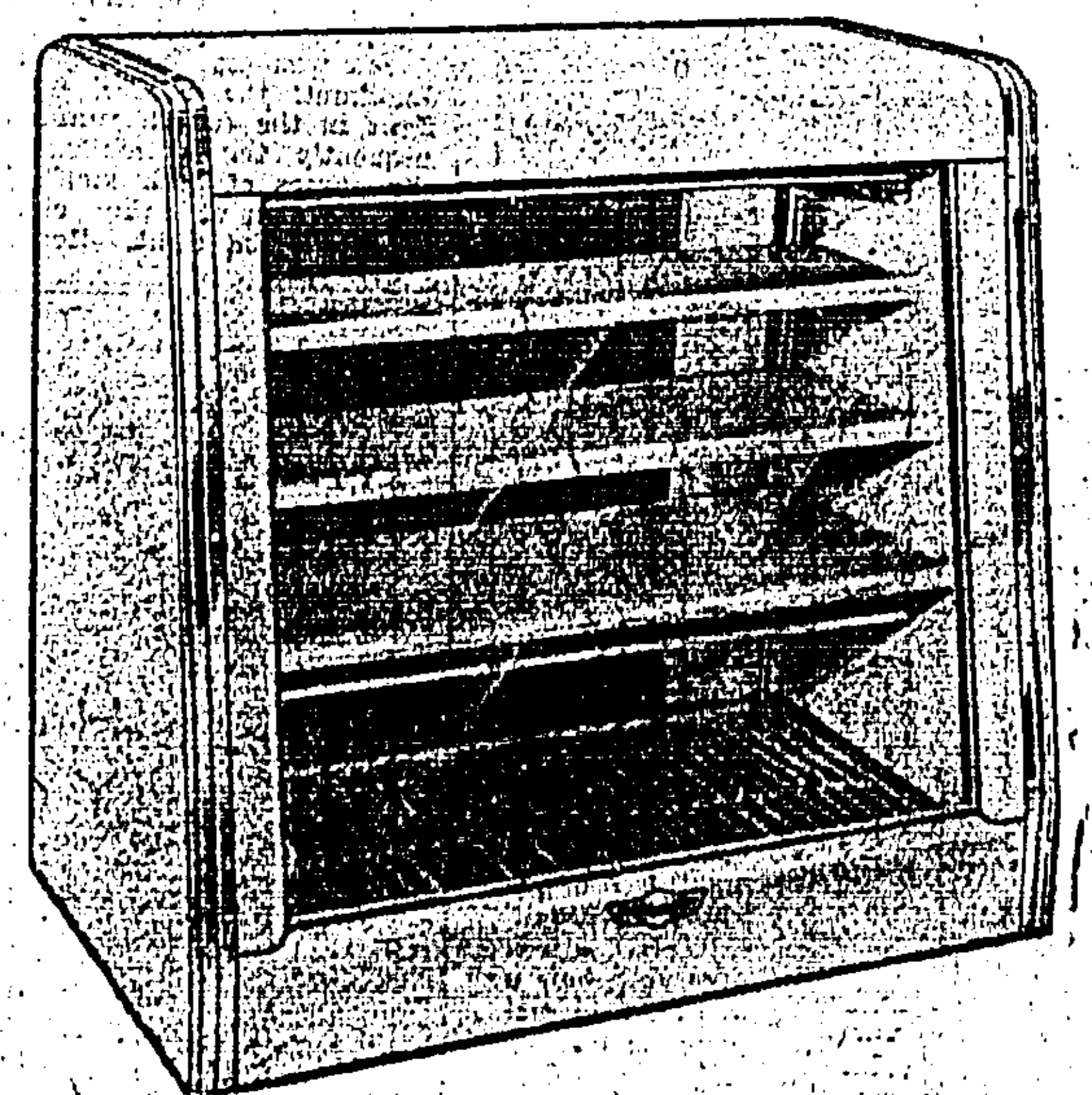
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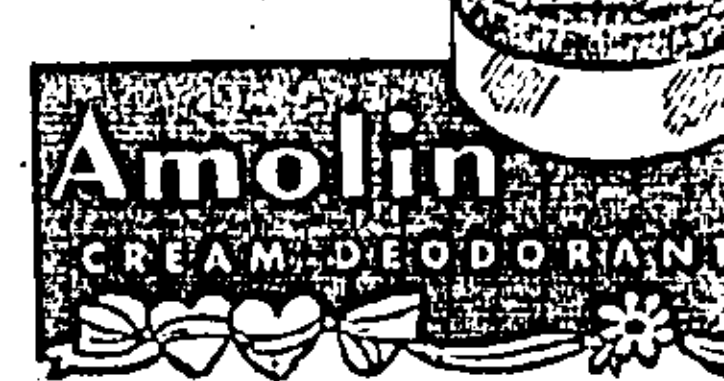
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SPECULATION IN
LONDON ON NEW
ROYAL ROMANCES

BY ROBERT MUSEL

London, Nov. 21.—With one Princess married, Britons are beginning to wonder whether there are the beginnings of a romance in the association of 17-year-old Princess Margaret and the 28-year-old Marquess of Milford-Haven, cousin of the Duke of Edinburgh and best man at the wedding.

Last night, they were together at a wedding celebration at Ciro's club, and although the pretty Princess danced with several Guards officers and princes, she danced most often with Lord Milford Haven who, like Philip, is a handsome and dashing naval lieutenant. Some reports say they have been seen holding hands.

Buckingham Palace has stated that Margaret will have to wait at least three years before she is permitted romance serious enough for an engagement.

In her party last night were also Prince Michel of Bourbon-Parme, the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, Prince George and Prince Flemming of Denmark and Prince John of Luxembourg.

The possibility of still another royal romance also has arisen from the attention being paid the striking 28-year-old Princess Theresa of Orleans Braganza by hefty, 26-year-old King Michael of Rumania, who gave a post-wedding party at Claridge's Hotel.

Russia's "Slight"

Russia's prestige, dwindling since the end of the war, hit a new low with the British public today because the Soviet Union, alone of all the Allied powers, neither sent a gift nor mentioned the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday.

DENIES U.S.
FRICTION
IN GREECE

Washington, Nov. 21.—The State Department today denied press reports that friction existed between the United States Embassy in Athens and the American Aid Mission there, though it admitted some questions regarding their relationship had come up in the past.

On the basis of a frank exchange of views and experience, these questions have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned, the Department said.

The Department statement quoted the Mission Aid chief, Mr. Dwight Griswold, as stressing the fact that increasingly close co-operation exists.

Simultaneously, the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, praised the Greek action in ratifying the Italian peace Treaty and it is hoped that the ratification will usher in a new era of co-operation among the countries of the East Mediterranean and provide a basis for lasting peace and security in this critical area, he said.—Reuter.

Boxer Suspended

New York, Nov. 21.—Jake Lamotta, one of the world's best middleweights, has been suspended indefinitely by the New York State Athletic Commission for concealing facts about his physical condition before his fight with Billy Fox last week. Fox won the bout by a technical knockout, the referee stopping the fight in the fourth round and subsequently the Commission held up the purses of both men pending an investigation of the circumstances attending the fight.—Reuter.

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RESOLUTION
BY INDIA
WITHDRAWN

Lake Success, Nov. 21.—India has decided not to move a new resolution on the treatment of Indians in South Africa before the United Nations.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the Indian delegate announced in a press statement that as India's previous resolution before the Political Committee had failed to obtain a two-thirds majority by three votes, they had tabled a fresh resolution to obtain a requisite majority. In view of the serious procedural difficulties, however, they had decided not to proceed with a second resolution.

A joint resolution, urging India and South Africa to call on Pakistan to help to solve their dispute over the status of Indians in South Africa, tabled by Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Denmark and Norway, failed to obtain a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly yesterday.

The Indian resolution, calling for a round-table conference based on last year's decision on the treatment of Indians in South Africa, failed to obtain a two-thirds majority. Thus both the resolutions were automatically rejected.

India's second resolution, now dropped, requested the Indian and South African Governments to discuss at a round-table conference to which Pakistan should be invited, all matters pending between them with a view to an amicable settlement.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION
OF SIAM

No Instructions

Bangkok, Nov. 21.—The Consular representatives here of Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Portugal, today declared that they had received no instructions from their governments about recognising the new regime in Siam, set up after the military coup d'etat 12 days ago.

The Siamese Foreign Minister had announced yesterday that these countries had extended de facto recognition to the new regime.

It was learned today the Foreign Office had sent notifications to all diplomatic missions announcing the new Government, and informal acknowledgments of this communication by these four representatives had probably been interpreted as de facto recognition.

Dr. Soedarseno, the Indonesian representative to India, who arrived here today, has expressed to the Foreign Minister, Phya Sriwisarn Vachatho, the Indonesian Republic's wish to open relations with Siam.

Dr. Soedarseno, who is leaving for India today, came to Siam at the invitation of the government before the coup d'etat.

It is understood he will return as soon as possible for negotiations on the establishment of relations between Siam and Indonesia.—Reuter.

Bomb Explosion
In Rome

Rome, Nov. 21.—A bomb exploded tonight at the headquarters of the Christian-Democratic Party in the Via Ravenna. The explosion occurred while the city was darkened by a one-hour strike of electricity workers.

It came shortly after Defence Minister Mario Cingolani declared in the Constituent Assembly that the explosion of two Italian munitions dumps on November 13 and 17, which deprived the Milan garrison of ammunition, were results of a planned campaign of terrorism. Those explosions killed five persons.

Elsewhere today there were new outbreaks of violence in a 10-day wave of disorders in various parts of Italy.—Associated Press.

Big Four Ministers
Meeting In London

London, Nov. 21.—The delegations for the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' conference on Germany and Austria, due to open next Tuesday, began to reach London today. The first to arrive was Gen. George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, who flew from Washington after being wished "God-speed and good luck" by President Truman.

One of Gen. Marshall's chief advisers, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador to Russia, is on his way today from Moscow with the French Ambassador to Russia, General Georges Catroux, and will assist Mr. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, who is expected in London from Paris on Monday.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is expected to break his journey in Berlin for talks with the Russian Administration before coming on to London during the week-end.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, is leaving Vienna today for London.

The Deputies of the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, Russia and France again failed to reach an agreement today on the form of presenting their report on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

For more than a fortnight the Deputies have been meeting to try to change the programme of work before their chiefs meet to avoid a procedure wrangle when the conference begins.

Agenda Deadlock

The discussion followed almost identical lines as at the last meeting, with the Russian Deputy, M. Andrei

TRANSPORT
STRIKE IN
ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, Nov. 21.—Thousands of late travellers were stranded in the centre of Buenos Aires early today by the lightning strike of railway workers which paralysed all suburban services after midnight.

The strikers walked out in defiance of the Railwaymen's Union and the Labour Secretariat, a few hours after President Peron had inaugurated the League of Workers' Rights.

Office workers in outlying suburbs wildly scrambled for the only other means of transport—20 motor buses. The railway workers struck in an effort to increase the wage demands at present under study by Senator Miguel Miranda, President of the Economic Council.

A number of cross-country services were also affected, and it is expected that the authorities will take measures to prevent the paralysis extending throughout the country, which after the recent dock strike would be disastrous to the country's vital export trade.—Reuter.

MANCHESTER
HANDICAP

London, Nov. 21.—The final callover on the Manchester November Handicap running tomorrow was:

Nine to 1 Fine Prospect, 100 to 9 Highland Laddie, 20 to 1 Rocco; 25 to 1 Kipper and Find the Lady; 25 to 1 The Nore, Dough Boy, Bristol Fashion, Billet and Good Night; 25 to 1 Popo; 33 to 1 Boltonian, Star of Autumn and Las Vegas; 40 to 1 Anwar, Casimer, Silver Pennell, Royal Tara and Sailors Guide; 50 to 1 Civil Affairs, Chateau Roussel, River Patrol and Regret; 60 to 1 Dancing Flame and Always; 66 to 1 any other.—Reuter.

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Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.
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Macao, Tientsin & Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 3 p.m.
Hongkong (Sea) 3 p.m.
Amoy and Swatow (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (Ord. Letters & Cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m.
Tientsin (Sea) 3 p.m.
Tientsin, Amoy, Shekki & Kowloon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Closing Times By Air
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.
Kunming and Calcutta, 10 a.m.
Tainan, Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin & Shekki (Sea) 5 a.m.
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.
Kowloon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.
Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka (Sea) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.
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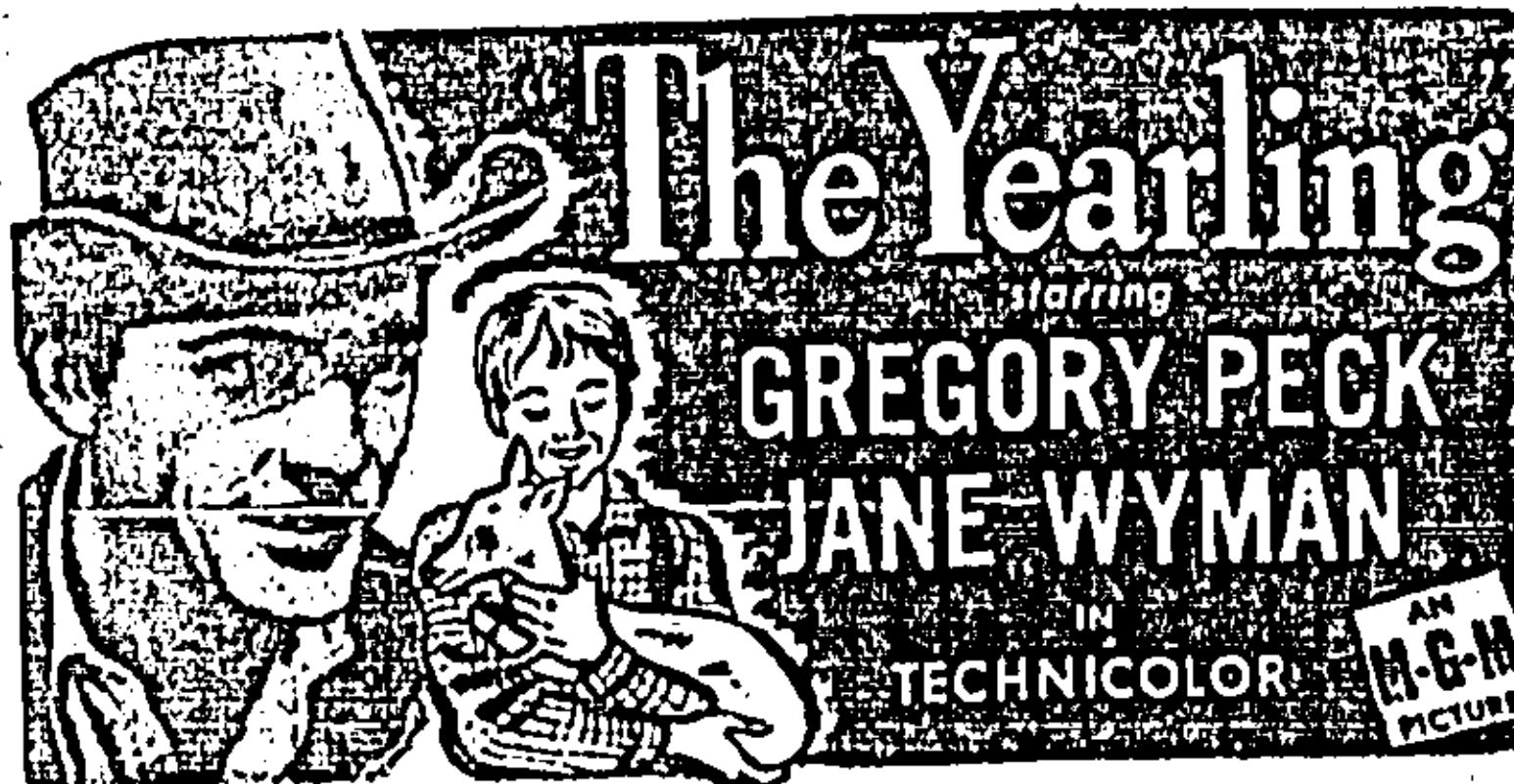
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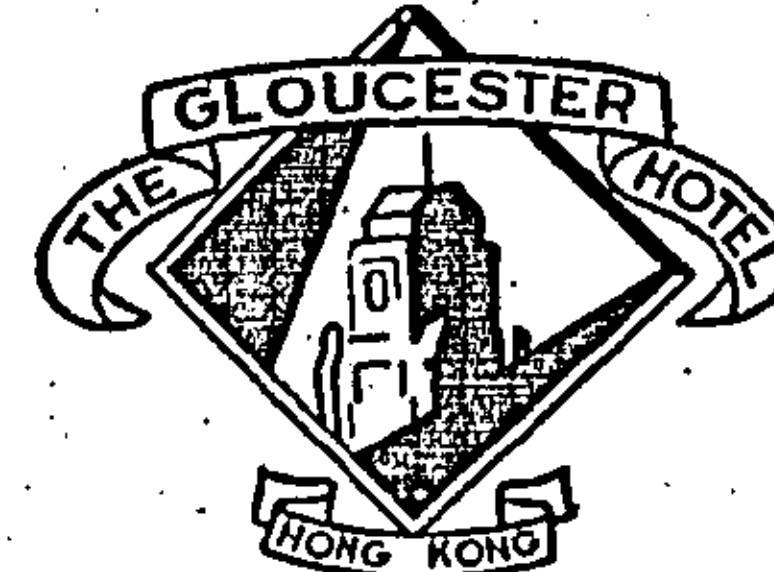
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Tuesday, 8 p.m. Bible Study.
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